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BUTCHERS SHOP IN SUDDEN CLOSURE

BY CHARLOTTE CALLEAR

A CANNOCK butchers has closed its doors suddenly – just days after the company revealed record sales.

The shutters are down at Crawshaws in Market Hall Street and a sign on the shop declares that it has permanently closed.

The sign says in capitals: "The shop is now closed for business. Our nearest Crawshaws is in West Brom B70 9LR. Saving stamps can be redeemed at any Crawshaws branch".

District councillor Maureen Freeman said: "To be honest I am lost for words. I live across from the town and when I went this morning, the shutters were down and notices were on it saying it was closed."

"At first I thought it was perhaps being refurbished because it is never normally closed."

"I have to say I am really shocked, I thought it was doing well. Any business that closes is a loss to the town. I do not know how many jobs have been lost either but just think of that in the new year, how awful."

Concerns

The Cannock shop had only been open since April 2016 and the closure came as a surprise as only last week the value butchers group announced sales have been rising. A report last week showed that sales in the week leading up to Christmas reached a record £1.8 million and almost 3,500 meat hampers were sold.

The company's sales had risen 0.6 per cent for the 15 weeks to Christmas Eve plus they opened two more new factory shop units in that time as part of their expansion programme to achieve a target of 200 stores worldwide.

The performance was underpinned by the strength of the growing factory shop format, including one at Dudley Street, West Bromwich, which helped to offset the impact of lower footfall on the high street. Concerns have been expressed about redeeming saving stamps because the nearest Crawshaws is over 17 miles away. But Whitehouse Foods on the A34 Walsall Road have confirmed they will accept the stamps.

Crawshaws launched in Yorkshire in 1954 with stores across the Midlands and North of England. The website states: "Over the following 60 years we have grown to become the UK's leading Fresh Meat & Food to Go retailer, with stores across the Midlands and North of England. We are currently engaged in a rapid expansion programme and are well on the way to achieving our target of 200 stores nationwide." No-one from the firm was available to comment.

ANGER AS THIEF MARCHES OFF WITH FENCE PANELS



Gretta Jukes from Tower View Road, Great Wyrley, woke up on New Year's Day to find two of her fence panels had been stolen

A WOMAN has been left incensed after she awoke to find someone had stolen her decorative fence panels.

Gretta Jukes was astonished and a little baffled to see the gaping hole at the end of her garden at her home in Tower View Road, Great Wyrley, as she welcomed in 2018.

The 71-year-old mother-of-three and grandmother-of-five was even more surprised when a neighbour told her that someone had been seen walking down the street with a fence

panel under his arm earlier that morning, according to a reveller.

Ms Jukes said it will cost her around £100 to replace the panels but she was more angry at the sheer fact someone would target her fence. "I just couldn't believe it," she said. "I just could not believe my eyes when I got up."

"Then my neighbour told me someone was coming home from a party and saw someone with a fence panel under their arm. They are the lowest of the low, who would do that? If

they pinched that, they will pinch anything." Two panels were removed, one of which was left broken nearby, and the other thought to have been stolen. Ms Jukes was keen for the theft to be publicised stating many of her neighbours had similar panels and decorative items and should be on guard.

Ms Jukes said she had yet to formally report the incident to Staffordshire Police.

Anyone with information on the theft should call the force on 101.

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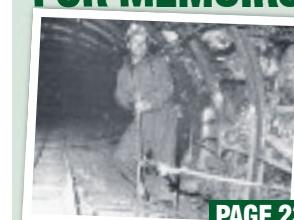
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POLITICS

Sir Patrick quits in Cabinet reshuffle

SIR Patrick McLoughlin was the major casualty of this week's Cabinet reshuffle.

The former Cannock miner quit as Conservative Party chairman – the position he was appointed to by Theresa May in July 2016. Sir Patrick was replaced by Brandon Lewis. Chancellor Philip Hammond, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, Home Secretary Amber Rudd and Brexit Secretary David Davis will all keep their current jobs.

The reshuffle was prompted by the resignation of Damian Green after he admitted lying about pornography on his computer.

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CONSULTATION

Review of library opening hours

LIBRARIES in Cannock, Rugeley, Penkridge and Burntwood are at the centre of a review of opening hours.

They are among 20 branches in Staffordshire involved in a county council consultation to decide how they can be best kept 'relevant to people's changing needs'. Discussions will include potentially using technology to maintain and extend opening hours by using an automated service.

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HEALTH

Trust faces £10m fine over targets

COUNTY Hospital bosses have predicted another gloomy year, warning that they will likely fail to meet A&E and treatment targets – incurring a £10 million fine.

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs the site in Weston Road, Stafford, as well as the Royal Stoke, is undergoing another difficult winter with both hospitals described as 'full'.

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It was a great privilege – Sir Patrick



Sir Patrick McLoughlin

SIR Patrick McLoughlin, who quit as Conservative Party chairman this week, says it was a 'great privilege' to have been in the Cabinet for eight years.

He had previously served as both Transport Secretary and Chief Whip, and said he had 'had a very good run' in the Cabinet and had 'enjoyed it immensely'.

Sir Patrick was the major casualty of Theresa May's latest Cabinet reshuffle – as the party's big guns held onto their posts.

Speaking after his departure, he said: "I have been in the Cabinet for eight

years, and I have had a very good run. I enjoyed it immensely. For me it has been a great privilege to be part of it."

"Theresa May got a fantastic popular vote in the general election, and she needs to carry on delivering what she has set out to do. And she will."

Sir Patrick grew up in Cannock and worked at Littleton Colliery before entering the world of politics.

Mrs May appointed him chairman of the Tory party in July 2016.

He had been under increasing pressure since the Tories' disastrous general election campaign and security breach

at the party conference. The reshuffle – the biggest of Mrs May's tenure – was prompted by the resignation of Damian Green after he admitted lying about pornography on his office computer.

Former Justice Secretary David Lidington was appointed to Mr Green's old position of Minister for the Cabinet Office, but did not inherit the title of First Secretary of State which marked Mrs May's long-time friend and ally as her effective deputy.

Northern Ireland Secretary James Brokenshire resigned from the Cabinet on grounds of ill-health.

97 arrests in one year – thanks to Specials

DOZENS of potentially dangerous offenders in the Cannock Chase area were arrested, with some locked up, during 2017 – thanks to the district's 27-strong team of Specials.

Under a prototype scheme the officers, who serve voluntarily, have been given an expanded role since 2015 in the face of cuts to Staffordshire Police.

But such was their impact, police bosses are now looking at rolling out the structure across the force.

In the last 12 months, Specials have arrested 97 people including violent attackers, drug dealers, shoplifters and those carrying offensive weapons.

They have also seized 128 items of property including stolen goods and drugs, while also removing 72 vehicles from the road.

Each Special officer is required to carry out a minimum of 16 hours' service a month. Collectively they racked up more than 13,000 hours in 2017 – an average of 40 a month each.

Specials Chief Inspector Sam Rollinson, who leads the team, said: "We have managed to develop quite a good team to fill some of the gaps left by austerity. The sort of stuff they have been doing is the stuff which really matters to communities – the thefts, the assaults.

"When you look at the arrests, it is 97 arrests that wouldn't have been made without us."

No action taken over two in three crimes

MORE than two thirds of all crimes recorded by police in Staffordshire result in no action being taken, new figures show.

And officers fail to even identify a suspect in more than four out of 10 cases, according to official data compiled by Staffordshire Police.

Staffordshire County Council's Labour opposition leader Councillor Sue Woodward said the figures were 'deeply worrying'. The county's force said it is determined to bring offenders to justice 'whenever possible'.

In 21 areas of the county, 13,849 crimes were recorded between December 2016 and November 2017. But in 10,429 of cases (67.2 per cent) culprits escaped any form of punishment, while 41 per cent of reports saw no suspect being identified by officers.

In Cannock, police took action on 66.38 per cent of recorded crimes. The rate of identifying suspects in the town was one of the best in the county at 28.16 per cent.

Suspect

In the Lichfield district, police took no further action when dealing with three quarters of all recorded crimes, and failed to establish the identity of a suspect 46.54 per cent of the time. The 'no action' rate in Norton Canes was 72.09 per cent, with 38.95 per cent of reported crimes involving no suspect being identified.

Meanwhile, in Stafford, officers took no action in 65.41 per cent of cases (2,886 of 3,884 crimes), with just under 30 per cent ending without identification of a suspect.

Councillor Woodward said: "People in Staffordshire will be concerned by these deeply worrying figures, which come as a direct consequence of the Government slashing funding to public services."

Chief Supt Simon Tweats said: "When a crime is reported to us, we will carry out an investigation, pursue any known suspects and wherever possible bring offenders to justice. It is just that in some cases we are unable to identify that suspect or gather evidence that is strong enough to take further positive action."

Ram-raiders strike twice at firm



Robin Winwood, boss of turf equipment manufacturers Hallmarket, with the lorry recovered after a raid

RAM-RAIDERS have struck twice at a family business – in two weeks at a family business – stealing equipment valued at more than £200,000.

The break-ins were the latest in a string of more than 20 incidents in the past five years at turf equipment manufacturers Hallmarket in Coven. Thieves broke into the

premises early last Wednesday, taking 10 heavy-duty batteries, a cement mixer and other items.

It followed a raid on December 16 when a Scania lorry, forklift, JCB load-all, jet washers, two tool chests and the keys to three other 32-ton trucks were snatched.

Owner Robin Winwood said he

felt like a 'sitting duck', helpless to stop repeated break-ins by organised criminal gangs despite reporting the burglaries to police.

Mr Winwood himself tracked down the new Scania truck to an industrial estate in Bridgton, after asking the manufacturers to activate a tracker device.

Alert over 'police phone calls' con

FRAUDSTERS have been calling Staffordshire residents pretending to be police officers, the county force has warned.

The aim of the ruse is to gain personal information and money, it says.

Victims have received calls from people purporting to be from Greater Manchester Police claiming they need them to help in an undercover investigation.

They are asked to withdraw cash to be collected by a courier.

A police spokesman said: "The police or your bank would never ask someone to aid an investigation by withdrawing or transferring money. If you receive one of these calls, end it immediately and call us on 101 if they have stated they are coming to collect the money or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040."

Church mini-market

A MINI-MARKET is being held at St Stephen's Church in Bideford Way, Cannock, on Saturday from 9.30am to 11.15am. There will be quality items including books, jigsaws, and clothes, along with a cafe serving homemade cakes. Admission to the event is free.

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Prison for driver who posed as a cabbie

A TAXI driver has been jailed for more than two years after impersonating his brother to get a licence and carrying out hundreds of jobs while disqualified.

Moshin Zeb was banned from the road in September 2013 for dangerous driving. But last year the 24-year-old gave fraudulent papers to Walsall Council to gain a licence to drive taxis and private hire vehicles.

The documents were in the name of his brother. Between February 7 and March 16 he racked up more than 500 pre-booked taxi journeys, all for profit, despite the fact he was not allowed to drive and was not insured.

However, a member of the public tipped off the council, which discovered Zeb was not who he said he was.

He was charged with five counts of fraud in relation to the documents he supplied the authority between January and April last year. He was also charged with driving while disqualified and driving without a licence.

Zeb, of George Road, Erdington, later admitted the allegations in court. At Wolverhampton Crown Court on Thursday he was jailed for 28 months for the multiple counts of fraud. He was also sentenced to four months for driving while disqualified and four months for having no insurance, all sentences to be served concurrently, and was disqualified from driving for three years and six months.

Service aims to Light up a Life

A SERVICE to honour lost loved ones takes place in Cannock this weekend.

The St Giles Hospice Light up a Life was rearranged from December due to heavy snowfall. It will now take place on Sunday, from 6pm at St Luke's Church, in Cannock. The church will be open from 5.15pm.

Trish Mellor, for Friends of St Giles, said: "Although it was disappointing, everyone was fully understanding of the situation." The Christmas tree will not be available for the service.

However, singing group Bel Canto will provide a musical interlude, the church will be lit by candles, the Books of Remembrance will be in the Lady Chapel for all to view and refreshments will be served after the service by the Cannock Friends group.

Pubs holding sale

PUB-GOERS can enjoy a 'January sale' at The Linford Arms in Cannock and Hedgeford Lodge in Hedgesford. The two Wetherspoon pubs are reducing the price on a selection of drinks until Wednesday, January 17.

Time added on for homes bid at ground



Supporters fear the new homes will make matchday parking problems worse

PLANS to build more than 100 homes next to Hednesford Town Football Club have been deferred again.

For the third time, Cannock Chase Council's planning committee have been unable to approve Taylor Wimpey's scheme.

At their meeting last Wednesday, members concluded that 'highways issues' had still not been resolved.

The council has earmarked the land at Keys Park Road for a large housing development in principle.

However, this particular application, for 119 properties, has been

fraught with concerns. In particular, residents and Pitmen supporters fear that it will cause existing parking problems on match days to get worse.

The reservations have grown following the visit of local rivals Stafford Rangers on New Year's Day which attracted a crowd of nearly 900 - more than double the typical attendance figures this season.

Councillor Paul Woodhead, who represents the area, has been one of the most vocal in expressing his concerns, stating that the new estate could intensify the existing problems

for residents and potentially turn some fans off going to matches at Keys Park.

"There is a lot of concern from people who attend football games around the parking," he said before the planning committee meeting.

Taylor Wimpey has proposed introducing restrictions which would limit parking on the surrounding estate roads to one hour, while residents would receive a free permit.

The scheme is set to be discussed again by the planning committee at its next meeting on January 24.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Valentine's ball in aid of playground

A VALENTINE'S ball in aid of SNAP (Special Needs Adventure Playground) will be held at Bridgtown Social Club in Walsall Road on Friday, February 23 from 6.30 to 11pm.

The evening is for over-16s and will feature a buffet and bar, as well as a disco with DJ Sam.

"We will have a raffle on the night with some amazing prizes," Alice Lawrence from SNAP said.

SNAP provides a lifeline to families who have children and adults with special needs and disabilities.

Tickets for the ball are £10 each available on 01543 579286 or from SNAP in Pye Green Road, Cannock.

Fines for littering hit £18k in year

A COUNCIL raked in £18,000 in litter fines last year - but it still fell a long way short of covering the £1 million it costs to clean up the streets.

Stafford Borough Council gave 240 people on-the-spot penalties of £75 each last year.

The council launched a campaign in 2017 urging businesses and retailers to pledge to keep the borough clean.

Councillor Frank Finlay, environment and health chief, said: "We have a beautiful borough and want to keep it that way. A clean borough attracts people and businesses to the area."

National Express in line for awards

NATIONAL Express, which runs buses in the West Midlands region, has been shortlisted in the British Quality Foundation UK Excellence Awards.

It is a finalist in the employee engagement category for its development of an innovative mobile health bus that protects the wellbeing of all its employees, and its coach division is shortlisted for the innovation in sustainability and society category for the impact of its Youth Promise.

Tom Stables, managing director of National Express UK, said: "I'm very proud that we've been shortlisted."

Staff raise money for charity at lens day

STAFF at an opticians raised money for charity when they held a Big Fit Day offering professional advice to customers and passers-by on contact lenses and their benefits.

Specsavers in Cannock Shopping Centre ran a special contact lens clinic where they handed out mince pies and freebies, raising £50 for the Royal National Institute of Blind People through a raffle, in which the winner received a pair of designer spectacles.



Rugeley-based Tower Players will be staging a production of Mort at the Prince of Wales Centre in Cannock

Players tackle classic themes

TERRY PRATCHETT'S Discworld is being brought to the stage in Cannock.

Tower Players, who are based at the The Rugeley Rose Theatre, will be staging a production of Mort at the Prince of Wales Centre.

The play is a humorous tale that tackles classic themes of unrequited young love, the nature of mortality and the impulsive, hormone-driven disruption of the entire history of the future.

This is Tower Players' second outing to the second-hand set of dimensions that is home to Discworld, following their highly commended staging of Wyrd Sisters in 2012. The latest production is being staged today (Thursday), tomorrow and Saturday.

Tickets are £12 and can be bought online at boxoffice.wict.org

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Best in Brum to be recognised

AN awards ceremony recognising the achievements of Birmingham people has returned for another year.

Nominations are now open for the Pride of Birmingham Awards, run in partnership with TSB. Entry closes on January 26, before the winners will be announced at a glitz-star studded event at The Great Hall in Birmingham University on March 8.

Dawn Megginson, area director TSB West Midlands says: "There are thousands of ordinary people right across Britain who do extraordinary things every day to help others in their local communities." Visit www.prideofbritain.com/birmingham

Splashing the cash on treats

PEOPLE in the West Midlands would be willing to fork out £107 for an extra week's holiday allowance at work, a survey reveals.

They would also spend £103 for a month of nice weather and £82 for someone to deep clean their home. A personal shopper to buy all their Christmas presents was also high on the list, with people willing to pay £71 to offload the task.

Those interviewed would part with £68 for someone to sort out and manage their bills and the survey, by loan provider Wonga, also revealed people would splash out £49 for an extra hour in bed.

£100 prize waiting for the best room

A STAFFORDSHIRE-BASED home furnishing business is running a competition to find the UK's best spare room. Terry's Fabrics is encouraging people from the Black Country and Staffordshire to get involved with the competition.

The winner will receive £100 worth of Terry's Fabrics products. A team of judges will choose the winner based on originality and uniqueness. To enter, share a photo of a spare room at www.terrystfabrics.co.uk with a caption.

University to hold an open day next month

THE University of Wolverhampton is holding an open day on February 17 for all would-be students interested in gaining more qualifications to further themselves or chase certain careers.

Visitors can look around facilities, meet lecturers and see the student accommodation for themselves. For further details on the open day, contact the enquiries team on 0800 953 3222 or email enquiries@wlv.ac.uk

Support group's thanks for gifts

SPARK in Burntwood are thanking the community after the huge success of their first Christmas gift appeal.

In November and December they asked people to donate a new toy or gift to pass on to deserving children in Burntwood. Children who benefited included families who were under financial hardship or grieving, and children who were ill or acting as a carer for a family member. Gifts were also

distributed to families through the local safeguarding team.

Thanks to the public's generosity and support, there were 84 children nominated in Burntwood, and 137 gifts were wrapped and distributed.

Organisers said particular thanks and recognition should go to Fulfen Primary School, Burntwood Methodist Church and Burntwood Boys and Girls Brigade for 'massive collections

and donations'. Because of donations of additional adult presents, deserving parents and carers also benefited.

The scheme was the idea of Spark volunteer Becky Hickin, who organised, collected, sorted, wrapped and distributed the gifts, while also ensuring each child got an age-appropriate gift. Volunteer director Esther Allen said: "We were overwhelmed with support for this new project, for which

we are truly grateful. Donators will never know the joy they have brought this Christmas to so many through the gift of giving."

Spark are celebrating the new year by launching a number of activities including a new after-school club, a dads and male carers group, job hunting support and beauty treatments at the purpose-built family centre at Springhill Academy in Burntwood.

Crossing to close for upgrade of Chase Line

A LEVEL crossing is to permanently close as Network Rail continues to upgrade the Chase Line.

The electrification of the route – part of the Railway Upgrade Plan – means that trains will be faster, more frequent and quieter.

And to reduce the risk to pedestrians, the crossing will be permanently closed from 0001 on Saturday.

Network Rail has worked closely with Walsall Council to plan the closure and provide alternative ways of crossing the railway.

A new road bridge at Central Drive provides access over the railway for motorists, and a pedestrian footbridge will be built and is due to open in summer 2018. While the footbridge is being built, a free shuttle service will be provided for pedestrians who need to cross the railway.

Martin Tiller, sponsor for the Chase Line upgrade for Network Rail, said: "We are investing over £100 million to improve journeys between Birmingham New Street and Rugeley Trent Valley via Walsall.

"Passengers will benefit from a more reliable train service, and those who live near the railway will see a reduction in railway-related noise as electric trains are quieter than diesel trains.

"Closing the crossing is an important part of the upgrade."

Work which will take place once the crossing has closed includes realigning the track and raising the speed limit of trains from 25 to 50mph.

For more information visit www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/lnw/chase-line-electrification-rugeley-to-walsall

Plea to support inmates' families

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to support families of prisoners to prevent their children suffering a 'hidden sentence'.

Barnardo's has been commissioned by the prison service to support the families of inmates at Brinsford young adults prison in Featherstone, to lessen the impact on young people of parents being jailed.

Tasks include welcoming families and promoting play between fathers and their children.

Help is needed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday afternoons, and during all-day Family Days which are held throughout the year. No formal qualifications are required. For more details call 07525 804766 or email sara.rattenbury@barnardos.org.uk

Fund to continue Jill's campaign tops £20,000

By David Banner

MORE than £20,500 has been donated towards setting up a trust carrying on the legacy and work of rape campaigner Jill Saward as the first anniversary of her death passes.

Husband Gavin Drake has revealed that he hopes a charity will now be launched this year in his wife's name. Ms Saward, aged 51, from Hednesford, became a victims' rights campaigner after being raped at her father's Ealing vicarage in 1986. She was the first rape victim to waive her anonymity.

The mother-of-three died a year ago in Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital following a stroke. In an emotional New Year's Eve blog, her husband has told of his 'own personal annus horribilis'. He wrote that last new year he said on social media '2017: If you thought 2016 was bad, you ain't seen nothing yet.'

The blog added: "This was a sentence that haunted me all year: three days later, on 3 January, my wife Jill was rushed into hospital after collapsing. She had suffered a stroke – a subarachnoid haemorrhage.

Decided

"She died two days later without regaining consciousness. The remainder of 2017 has been awful. My own personal annus horribilis. I can't wait to see the back of it. Don't get me wrong: there were some good points to the year: and without fail, they all had one thing in common: the love, the care, and the compassion shown to me by members of my family, my friends, and even strangers – and especially strangers who became friends."

He talked about how he and his wife had lived in many places during their marriage including Walsall, Stafford, Liverpool and Telford but had decided to put off any further moves until their youngest son had left secondary school, although they had discussed where they would like to go.

But, he said: "Now, the idea of moving no longer appeals. It isn't just because here is where I have so many memories; it is also because planning for the future now meant planning for a future without Jill, I know that my future is without her."

"But facing that, and planning for it, are two different things. I can face up to the first; I struggled with the second." Jill's sister and niece have moved into the house in Hednesford which he described as



Jill and Gavin – 'Jilly was such a big part of me that when she died, so much of me did too'



Jill died a year ago in Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital following a stroke

'an absolute life-saver.' Jill was such a big part of me that when she died, so much of me did too. I had no reason to live. I had no reason to be.'

Helping look after his niece had given him something to do, he said. Gavin described how hard Christmas had been – her favourite time of year – ahead of the anniversary of her death on January 5 and what would have been her birthday on January 15. He added: "This year, I have been defined by losing Jill. It has more than changed me. The loss was me. But now, as we approach 2018, I can once more look ahead."

Freelance journalist Mr Drake, who is also the Walsall FC matchday announcer, said he was now starting a full-time job having had months of 2017 when he could do virtually no work. Almost

600 people have donated to the JustGiving fund aiming to raise enough money for a trust in the name of Jill and to carry on her work as a fierce campaigner for justice and for specialist support services for rape survivors.

Robbers broke into her home at a vicarage in Ealing, London, in 1986, and raped her then seriously assaulted her father, the Rev Michael Saward, as well as her boyfriend at the time.

The attackers received a lenient sentence and her fierce campaigning led to direct changes in the law. Mr Drake said in a radio interview that it was 'fantastic' that so much money had been donated and the charity would continue Ms Saward's work campaigning and speaking out on behalf of victims of sexual violence.

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Questions? Panel to be quizzed on Enoch legacy

THIS year marks the 50th anniversary of Enoch Powell's explosive Rivers of Blood speech.

And to mark this our sister paper, the Express & Star, is hosting what is sure to be a fiery discussion on the former Wolverhampton MP's legacy.

It will feature a six-strong panel of academics, politicians and authors, all of whom have a personal interest in Powell. And we want readers to play a pivotal role in the event, which will take place during the second annual Wolverhampton Literature Festival on January 27. Readers are asked to submit their questions to the panel.

Did Powell's speech foster an anti-immigration feeling across the country, or was he simply saying what many people thought at the time? How has history treated his words? Our panel is waiting to hear from you.

It includes Wolverhampton South West MP Eleanor Smith, historian Dr Shirin Hirsch, UKIP MEP Bill Etheridge, journalist and political commentator Nick Jones, Wolverhampton-born political activist Patrick Vernon and Express & Star columnist Nigel Hastilow.

To submit a question, email karen.baker@expressandstar.co.uk or write to Editor's Secretary Karen Baker, Express & Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. The event runs from 2.30 to 3.30pm at the University of Wolverhampton's MC001 building and is free to attend.

Chronicle helps to beat £6k target

A FUNDRAISING target to pay for Christmas Day at a hospice was reached – with surplus funds to kick-start this year's efforts.

Following an appeal in The Chronicle, Friends of Katharine House made £800 more than its £6,000 fundraising target to provide a festive meal for residents. Notable donations came from Councillor Mike Sutherland, Cannock Probus Club and MP Jeremy Lefroy.

The additional funds will go towards the same aim this year. Fundraising events for 2018 kick off with a Burns supper at The Chase Golf Club, Pott's Pool, on January 28.

Anyone interested in attending should contact cfk2408@hotmail.com or call 07771 915020, 07708 662652 or 07771 915020.

Rambling at hills

CHASE Ramblers are going on a nine-mile easy/moderate walk from Hanchurch Hills, Stoke-on-Trent, this Sunday, meeting at Hedgesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 07540 454548.

Drivers told: '20 is Plenty' near schools



The limit is 20mph outside schools

DRIVERS are being reminded that '20 is Plenty' as part of a road safety campaign to help keep schoolchildren safe.

The scheme is run by Staffordshire County Council and encourages drivers to reduce their speed to just 20mph outside schools.

Each term, around 16 Staffordshire schools take part in the initiative, which is in place when pupils arrive at and go home from school.

Speed Indication Devices (SIDs), which display the speed of a vehicle as it passes by, are used to encourage drivers to slow down. Among the schools signed up for this month are: St Joseph and St Teresa, High Street, Burntwood; Moorhill Community Primary, Pye Green Road, Cannock; Chadsmoor Infants School, Kingsway, Chadsmoor; Cheslyn Hay High & Primary, Saredon Road, Cheslyn Hay; The Richard Clarke First, Abbots Bromley.

Councillor Helen Fisher, cabinet support member for highways and transport at Staffordshire County Council, said: "This is an important scheme that helps to keep schoolchildren and our roads amongst the safest in the country."

"We're in the eighth year of the scheme now, and so far more than 200 schools across the county have benefited from it."

She added: "The campaign calls on drivers not to put pupils' lives at risk by driving above 20 miles an hour when outside schools."

"The scheme is also encouraging more parents and children to walk and cycle to school, which is great, and helps to reduce congestion at school times."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Walkers enjoy a scenic route

VOLUNTEERS at Lichfield Arts accepted an invitation to take part in a New Years Eve's walk from Hedgesford back to the city.

A group of 13 started out from the Cross Keys pub, crossing Hedgesford Hills before following a route that included Cannock Chase, Castle Ring and Gentleshaw Common.

The walk was organised by LAME – Lichfield Alternative Mountaineering Expeditions.

A Lichfield Arts spokesman said: "Everyone enjoyed themselves, and they will be in peak condition for the exciting programme of concerts and festivals in the coming months."

Ex-Walsall player Alan Deakin dies

FORMER Walsall and Aston Villa player Alan Deakin has died aged 76.

The Birmingham-born winger made 50 appearances for the Saddlers, joining the club in 1969 and playing until 1972, having arrived at Fellows Park from Villa where he had featured much more prominently, racking up 270 matches from 1959 to 1969.

Walsall FC confirmed that the player had passed away and offered condolences to his family.

The club tweeted: "Walsall Football Club are saddened to hear of the passing of our former player Alan Deakin."

Art classes in the frame at library

NEW art classes start at Burntwood Library next week.

Mark Lippett, a professional artist and tutor, will run the classes on Mondays from 10am to midday. They are aimed at people of all abilities. The first is on January 15.

Mark, from Stafford, teaches a wide range of drawing and painting techniques and caters for individual interests rather than teaching one topic to the whole group.

Contact Mark on marklippett@hotmail.co.uk or call 07904 655149. Visit his website at www.marklippett.com

Villagers can have a say on CCTV cameras

RESIDENTS in a Staffordshire village are to be consulted over the installation of CCTV cameras.

Essington Parish Council, which met last week to discuss the matter, is to consult with villagers before making a decision. Parish council chairman Councillor David Cliff said: "It is only right that residents should be consulted. The cost of the cameras is considerably high, and residents may also think they are being spied on."

Petition launched over 'bedlam' at nightspot

NEIGHBOURS are launching a petition against a night club, claiming revellers are wreaking havoc in the early hours.

Fever & Boutique opened up in Wolverhampton Street, Cannock, in October in what was formerly the Bank bar.

But people who live in nearby Queen Street have said their road has been plagued by noise and trouble from revellers they believe have been leaving the venue, which is open until 3.30am Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

They have complained to Staffordshire Police, and officers have said they are aware of the concerns, although club bosses said they had not been made aware of any issues.

The resident who is starting the petition but does not want to be named, said: "Every week there is arguing, shouting and fighting."

"It culminated just before midnight on New Year's Eve when there was a fight which went on for half an hour. It has been going on since it opened and now I am starting a petition to get it closed down."

Busy

The resident said the location was an inappropriate place for a nightspot, and added: "It is right in the middle of a residential area. It is causing absolute bedlam."

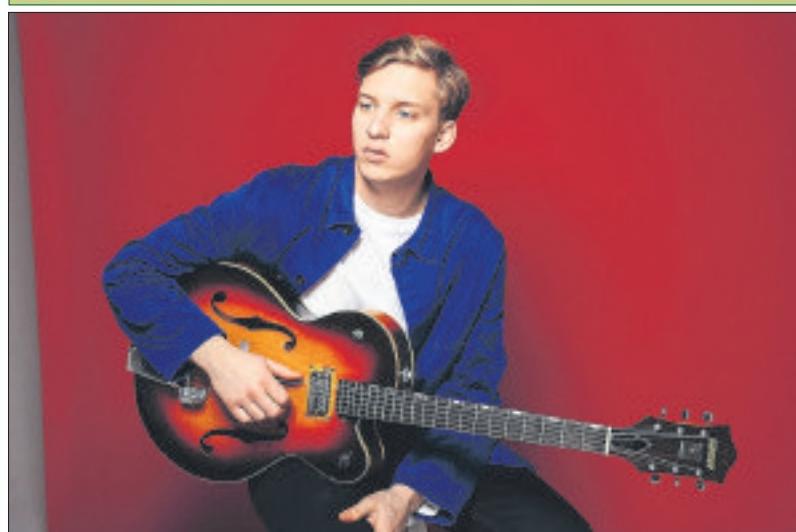
Club bosses said they were unaware of the concerns and vowed to speak to any residents.

Nigel Blair, commercial director for Fever, said: "With any new venue you get a busy period then it settles down in terms of customer volumes. But we would always look to work with the police, licensing authority and the residents. If there are residents who are concerned I would welcome a meeting so they can bring anything to my attention."

Chief Inspector Sarah Wainwright said: "I am aware of the petition. I am not aware of any stand-out issues there, in comparison to all of the other pubs and clubs. What is difficult there is it spills out right onto the road in the middle of a residential area. The others are in the middle of town. It is very early days."

"We will work with Fever and if there are any problems we will address them with Fever."

By George – listen to man on Chase



George Ezra, who will be performing at Forest Live at Birches Valley on July 1

HIS heart may be in Budapest – but singer-songwriter George Ezra is heading to Cannock Chase.

The 24-year-old has been announced as the second act to perform at this year's Forest Live concerts at Birches Valley.

He will play on the last of the

three days, July 1. Performing at the beauty spot on June 30 will be Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott, supported by Billy Bragg.

Ezra, from Hertford, tasted success with singles Budapest, Blame It On Me and Listen To The Man from debut album Wanted On Voyage. His second album will be

released in March and features the recently released single Don't Matter Now.

Tickets to see George Ezra go on sale tomorrow (Friday) at 9am, priced at £34.50 each.

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Interesting phrase, hardly used, and a little bit weird



Kim Jong-un and "I've got a bigger nuclear button than you" contest



Lord Adonis – wants to be free to campaign for a second EU referendum



Hattie Jacques – we get all wistful about some legendary golden nursing age

Protest: It's lettuce leaves at the ready

THINGS aren't looking too good for Carlinis, a new Italian restaurant in Al-brighton, where the chef boasted on Facebook about "spiking" a vegan's meal.

Laura Goodman has now quit, after militant vegans reportedly threatened to target the restaurant. You can always spot militant vegan protesters. They only throw lettuce leaves and lentils.

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THAT said, I now find myself eating more vegan-friendly food than ever before, after being told at one of those routine mid-life health checks that my cholesterol is too high. Not dramatically, but I do need to improve my diet. It seems cream crackers in the morning, bread-and-butter seasoned with a couple of pork scratchings for lunch, and microwaved meatballs and spuds at night won't really cut it any more.

In the past I would have shrugged this off, but a few deaths over the past few years – some close – have made me ponder how fleeting life can be. So I now consume an exorbitantly-priced health drink each day, as well as five portions of fruit and veg.

Now I've always been a five-a-day sceptic, mainly because I don't like glib soundbites trotted out by the sort of people who think there is a place in the English language for terms such as "stakeholders" and "outreach". And it's time consuming.

The initial plan was to buy an appropriate selection of fruit and veg, and stick it in the blender to make one disgusting drink which I could wolf down once a night and be done with. If only.

Unfortunately, liquefied food can only account for one of the five. So a glass of orange juice seems less bother.

Then there is the question of what constitutes a "portion". Government guidelines say 80g, but I suspect that means as little to you as it does to me.

An apple counts as one, which I can eat while I work, although peeling and slicing it the night before to avoid losing teeth is seriously tedious.

I hoped a large box of chopped swedes and carrots would be the answer, but you have to eat half the packet for it to count as one of the five. No wonder there's an obesity crisis.

So my nights now consist of gulping orange juice while the peas and carrots simmer in the pan. Then, after News at Ten, its time for some fruit – usually strawberries (no sugar) or pineapples – washed down with a bottle of Benecol to make it taste nicer. Can't tell you how much I'm loving life at the moment.

Bearing the brunt of this quirky word

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



QUIRKY phrases department. It was reported this week that coastal areas "bore the brunt" of Storm Eleanor. Interesting word, brunt. Nobody really knows where the word comes from and we hardly ever use it except when something or someone is bearing it. Brunt. The more you say it, the weirder it sounds.

ABOUT 1,400 cars were destroyed in the spectacular car-park fire in Liverpool. I wonder how many insurance different claims will be made.

THE wonder is that such fires are so rare. If you take the gloomy view, a multi-storey car park is basically a pile of petrol bombs parked closely to each other with its sides open to the wind and with ramps helpfully providing a route for an inferno to grow and spread. It sometimes occurs to me that if the internal-combustion engine were invented today, it would never get past the health-and-safety people. So, Mr Inventor, in order to refuel these so-called cars of yours, you will need 100,000-gallon petrol tanks buried in the centre of all our towns and cities, and you will park these cars in thousands of high-rise crematoria? Not a chance.

IT is hard to rejoice at the 70th anniversary of the NHS when we have spent the past seven decades moaning that it has never been as good as it used to be. We get all wistful about some legendary golden age, usually involving tightly-folded bedsheet, carbolic and Hattie Jacques. The big difference between 1948 and 2018 is the nature of patients and their illnesses. Seventy years ago the sick were, by and large, ill as a result of things done to them by the establishment. They were the wounded and shell-shocked of two world wars, the victims of

damp slums, dangerous factories, dusty coal mines and malnutrition. They were the hapless customers who believed the all-pervading propaganda that smoking was not only fashionable but good for you. Today, NHS waiting lists are stuffed with people who are bombarded with healthy-living advice but prefer to ignore it and are ill as a result of lifestyle choices. And while it may be wrong to ration or refuse NHS treatment to those who have screwed up their own health, you can't help thinking what the hungry, bronchitic, war-wounded patients of 1948 would make of the obese, hungover patients of today. They might well ask: "What are you doing in the queue?"

ONE of my New Year resolutions is to be kinder to the generation usually described as millennials, hipsters or snowflakes. But I'm putting it on hold for a while, having stumbled across a report on an assortment of twentysomethings moaning about how they cannot afford to get on the property ladder. One is described as "a part-time writer and illustrator" while another says she is a "marketing and lifestyle blogger". Listen, kids. These are not jobs. They are, at best, hobbies. This explains why the building society manager's eyes do not light up when he gets your mortgage-application form. Get a proper, full-time job, put in all the overtime you can, save a few grand and try again.

ONE of the enduring mysteries of the internet age is that people who are already online will

email or text about an issue without first making an elementary check on Google. For those who harangued me on the subject, there is nothing blasphemous, lazy or ungrammatical about the term Xmas.

OH, dear. Donald Trump has got into an "I've got a bigger nuclear button than you" contest with Kim Jong-un. Whatever next?

MEANWHILE, it is revealed that thousands of medical emergencies are being answered not by paramedics but by specially-trained firefighters. "Hello, is that 999? I've got this burning sensation."

ADONIS wants to be free to campaign for a second EU referendum. He thinks remaining in the EU is a good idea. Mind you, he also thinks HS2 is a good idea. His solution to Britain's transport problem is to pour thousands more commuters into London each day by driving a new railway 100 yards wide through some of the most beautiful English countryside, demolishing properties and farms and blighting thousands of homes. And to what end? To cut 20 minutes off the time from London to Brum. The Adonis cure for our housing shortage is equally brutal, to concrete over half of southern England, plonking a million new homes in a vast arc from Oxford to Cambridge. He is one of those people who is entirely driven by the notion of 'growth', who genuinely cannot understand that most of us would rather spend 20 minutes longer on the train than rip up a single ancient forest. The 'growth' brigade's only strategy is to lay more concrete, erect more buildings and allow Britain's population to grow to 80 or 100 million. There has to be a better way.

TALKING POINT



Companies are never really at our service

IT baffles me why these departments are called Customer Service as that seems to be the last thing they do. I called recently regarding a delivery I was expecting – to replace a damaged item. This was due to be picked up and a new one delivered.

I had called once to report the item as damaged. Twenty minutes later after trying to get to the appropriate department and listening to irritating music while the girl with the annoying voice said "Your call is important to us, we appreciate your patience etc, etc", I hung up.

Companies are always very careful to say your call is being recorded. Is that just in case you hurl abuse down the phone?

Anyway, when I had a bit more time I tried again. Eventually after going through the list of options, none of which suited my query – option 3 then option 5 and back to option 2, aagh! – I opted for the sales line, knowing that would be the one most likely to be answered. Five minutes later I actually spoke to a PERSON! She told me it wasn't really the correct department but she would put me through to the right one. I begged her "Please don't let me be holding on for so long" and she assured me I would be put straight through. I still had to wait five minutes!

Finally the annoying music – played so loud you have to hold the phone away from your ear – stopped and a woman answered. I gave her my order number, name, address, postcode etc and she tracked me down on the computer. She was very sorry and a replacement would be sent and the damaged one picked up.

The following week, I received a text saying one company would collect my damaged parcel but no mention of delivering the new one. Back on the phone – this was a drawer unit for the bedroom and, having removed the old one, I was fed up of piles of clothes all over the floor.

Again I was passed around only to be told the new one would be delivered by another company. Delivery day came and went but no replacement item, although the old one had gone from the car port.

Next morning at 8.05, minutes after the department opened, I rang to complain. I explained that nothing had arrived. They claimed they had tried to deliver it but no-one was in so they left a card. Rubbish! My son and two builders were there and no card was put through the door.

But don't worry, it would arrive and I would get something as a 'goodwill' gesture. Eventually it did turn up, dumped by the front door in full view of the street. Goodwill gesture? You guessed it – nothing – but then again I would have been happy to just sort out the problem at my first attempt. Customer service? You must be joking!

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Stolen watch and bracelet could hold clues to murder

A SOVEREIGN gold watch and bracelet taken by robbers who murdered a pensioner have still not been recovered.

Staffordshire Police have released images of the jewellery taken from 87-year-old Arthur Gumbley during the attack at his home in Endwood Drive, Little Aston.

Mr Gumbley died in hospital three weeks later, and now, Detective Inspector Dan Inson has renewed a public appeal for information and has urged a person who contacted the force with names to get back in touch.

"I first want to thank the public for the support we have had, but there is one person who contacted us on December 18," he said.

Questions

"They have specifics which will assist our investigation. Part of my appeal is for that person to get in touch with us as soon as they can."

"We have a number of questions. I want to assure them it is anonymous and they can communicate with us in a number of ways."

He also said a purse which belonged to Arthur's late wife and was taken in the burglary, on November 21, had been recovered.

But he said the two items pictured here were still missing, along with a Seiko watch.

"If anyone sees these items or has them in their possession I'd urge them to contact us immediately as it would assist us in our investigation," Mr Inson added.

During the robbery, Mr Gumbley was punched and kicked before being left on the floor. He died in hospital on December 12.



This bracelet was stolen during the robbery



Arthur Gumbley in hospital



The robbers who murdered Arthur Gumbley made off with this watch



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I thought knighthood was a joke

THERE are always names on the honours list that for various reasons will raise a few eyebrows, but none more so than Nick Clegg.

When I heard he was being knighted I laughed because I thought it was a joke. However, it isn't a joke. I am appalled that the pro-EU establishment have seen fit to knight someone who decimated his party.

Under his leadership the LibDem vote collapsed and the party was pushed into fourth place behind UKIP.

Clegg's manic adoration of the EU regardless of the electorate's wishes has ensured the LibDems became a political nonentity, and for this he will now be known as Sir Nick Clegg. He is being rewarded for failure.

ANDREW WILLIAMS

Rugeley

Support for our tour was much appreciated

MAY we express grateful thanks on behalf of Rugeley Rotary Club and Rugeley and District Lions Club to the generous people of Rugeley, Colton, Little Haywood, Hill Ridware and Upper Longdon for their wonderful support of our Santa Sleigh.

We apologise to the residents around Penk Drive and Bower Lane for not visiting them but the weather was so

bad we felt it was too dangerous for the collectors. Similarly, Slitting Mill had to be abandoned due to heavy snow.

Donations to our respective clubs' charities came in at just under £6,000. We would also like to express our thanks to a number of people: the staff at Waymax, Rugeley, for the generous loan of the platform truck; 50-50 Transport for allowing us the use of

their premises for 'building and garaging' the sleigh; the Performing Rights Society for waiving the licence fee to play music; and our many friends and organisations who volunteer to spend their evenings with us out and about.

JANE STEVENSON
President, Rugeley & District Lions
RON ASHLEY
President, Rugeley Rotary Club

Panto visit was boost for community spirit

I WISH to thank the Chronicle for highlighting the work and community spirit we have on our estate; the picture and editorial was very much appreciated ("Residents treated to festive theatre trip", January 4).

I would also publicly like to thank Staffordshire County Councillors Bryan Jones and Phil Hewitt for their support, particularly Councillor Jones, who helped us greatly with the submission of the application and without him providing £1,151 from his Community Fund budget, this project would not have been possible. The visit to the pantomime and the whole project has enhanced our community spirit even further. The show was a great success for everyone.

MARY STAKES

Secretary, Circle of Residents Association (CORA)

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Chase Line Gambling is a habit that's hard to break

WHEN it was established that smoking tobacco was a serious risk to our health, warning signs were printed on the packaging, and eventually shopping outlets were forced to take the products out of public view. Television adverts were banned, and sports which had been sponsored by the tobacco industry were forced to find alternative funding.

Now there seems to be a concern with gambling. Mainstream TV adverts encourage us to gamble, promoting such games as the National, Postcode and Health lotteries while stating a percentage of our stake goes to good causes.

I sometimes can't imagine any government banning these adverts but the promoters should tell us it's easier to lose than it is to win. To some people, gambling is like smoking – a habit that's hard to break.

PAUL KMIOLEK

Hednesford

We were made of strong stuff

LIKE David Steele, I remember the snow of 1962-63 ("Why elderly cope better in the snow", December 28).

I rode my bike every day from Wednesfield to Tettenhall Wood. My younger sister was at Wolverhampton High School and never missed a day – she was told to wear her coat and gloves in class.

We were made of strong stuff, not like the youth of today.

R COOPER

Heath Hayes

Tolkien touring display stops off at new venue



John Garth, author of *Tolkien and the Great War*, and 15-year-old library volunteer Mikey Roberts

AN exhibition celebrating the author of *The Lord of the Rings*' links with Staffordshire is being staged on Cannock Chase.

The insight into the early years of JRR Tolkien, one of the world's best-loved writers, and his time spent in the county, has already been seen by more than 200,000 people since it launched in March 2016.

Now the exhibition is at Marquis Drive visitor centre on Cannock Chase until Saturday, March 3.

Highlights include rare photographs and copies of original sketches by Tolkien, not seen in Staffordshire since they left with the author in 1918, specially loaned by The

Tolkien Estate and Bodleian Library. Arriving in Staffordshire on August 17, 1915, JRR Tolkien would begin a connection with the county that would span the remaining years of the Great War and provide inspiration for the mythology and geography of what we now know as Middle-earth.

JRR Tolkien – Soldier and Myth-Maker is organised by The Haywood Society, supported by Staffordshire County Council's libraries and arts service and the Museum of Cannock Chase, and funded by The Heritage Lottery Fund. For further details visit www.staffordshiregreatwar.com

After its run at Marquis Drive, the exhibition will be at Chasewater from Tuesday, March 6 until Saturday, April 21.



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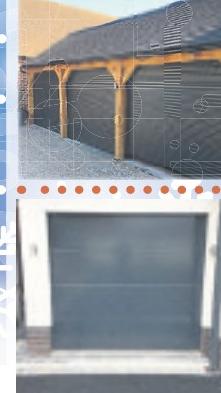
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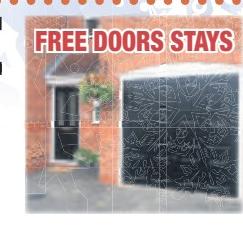


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Four women join Shugborough team

Opportunities grow
for female gardeners



Emma Franks fixes a fence on the Shugborough estate



Elaine Ingram chops at perceptions

Shugborough's staff have been getting their hands dirty to show what girl power is all about.

Four females joined the previously all-male outdoor team at the Shugborough Estate, including its first senior gardener.

Staff noticed a surge in the number of women taking up roles since the National Trust took over the management of the estate again from Staffordshire County Council in November 2016.

Now, there is female senior gardener, two female rangers and one female farm worker joining what had

been an entirely male team. Caroline Beacall is the first woman to be employed as the senior gardener in the centuries since the stately home was first built in late 1600s.

She left her retail career to pursue her passion for gardening by joining a three year trainee programme or 'apprenticeship' within the National Trust.

Emma Franks and Elaine Ingram are rangers who can be seen round the estate supporting volunteers, surveying butterflies or using chainsaws.

Emma wanted to be a ranger since

she was a child while Elaine dropped her office job to work outdoors by becoming a conservation trainee with her local wildlife trust.

Kirsty Down is their farm worker who went to university to be a zoo keeper but had a change of heart when she did a farming placement at Tatton Park in Cheshire. She liked the idea of conserving rare breeds and educating people about conservation.

The National Trust offer a range of opportunities including the academy ranger scheme and apprenticeships for gardeners.

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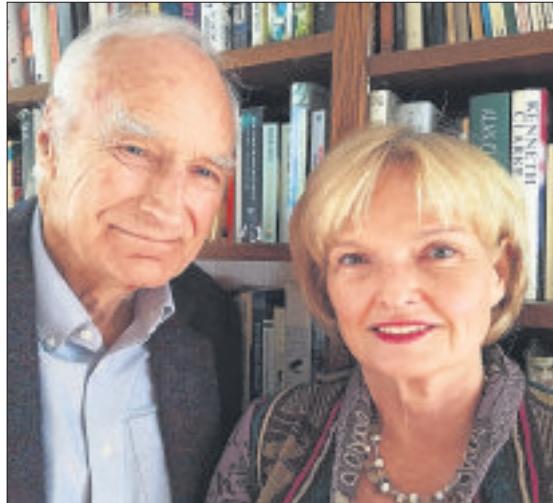
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Hundreds of under-10s are suspected of crimes

Stories of war victims



Husband and wife team Peter Snow and Ann MacMillan

WAR Stories, an illustrated account of ordinary people swept up by the horror of war, is at the Lichfield Garrick tomorrow (Friday).

Presented by husband and wife team Peter Snow and Ann MacMillan, the show features stories of the men and women who have pushed the barriers of bravery, suffering and sheer terror beyond the imaginable'. Journalist, author and

broadcaster Peter Snow has covered military matters on and off the world's battlefields for 40 years.

Ann MacMillan was born in Wales and grew up in Canada before moving to England in 1976 when she married Snow. She was the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's managing editor in London for the last 13 years of her career. Visit www.lichfieldgarrick.com

HUNDREDS of children are suspected of committing crimes in Staffordshire, figures revealed.

The number of youngsters aged 10 or below accused of an offence has more than doubled in six years, a Freedom of Information request shows.

Up until November 6, Staffordshire Police had recorded 324 suspected child criminals last year - broadly in line with the 405 young culprits accused in 2016.

However, that figure has soared since 2012 when there were 147 child suspects, with increases every 12 months.

The numbers are contrary to findings released by the Howard League for Penal Reform last summer which showed actual child arrests had dropped by more than two thirds since 2010 although their figures also accounted for children up to the age of 17.

Staffordshire Police were unable to state the general nature of offences committed by children, while the force declared it was keen to avoid 'criminalising' young people.

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Detective Chief Inspector David Wain, offender management, said: "Staffordshire Police are working closely with schools, partner agencies and voluntary organisations with the shared goal of preventing young people from becoming involved in anti-social behaviour and criminal activity.

"Criminalising a young person has far reaching consequences for the individual, their family and society as a whole.

"Whilst accepting there has been an increase in recent years, this year the number of offences dropped by an average of 15 per cent per month compared to last year."

Stafford Borough Councillor Ann Edgeller, who sits on the county's Crime Prevention Panel, said: "My concern is, what sort of background have these children got? Parents and adults need to help these children to make sure they do not commit offences even if it is low-level stuff."

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New faces at containers firm



Miguel Campos

A CANNOCK firm has taken on new staff to strengthen its focus on customer service and sales.

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Joining as head of sales is Anthony Debus, who has more than 25 years' experience in the plastics packaging industry and will lead a team of sales and customer

service staff. Andrew Wilkinson has joined the sales team as senior sales manager, while Sonya Kumar has been appointed as customer service leader.

Export sales manager Miguel Campos said: "Advanta has been growing by double digits year after year, and the new additions to our team, manufacturing facility and fleet are just the start of what we are capable of."

Project gives families taste of fresh food

A STAFFORDSHIRE pig farmer and a community food project have been commended for getting families eating more healthily. Fourth-generation pig farmer Rob Mercer, from Farm Fresh Revolution, is giving away fresh food to families at primary schools.

Every Friday afternoon during term-time, a van carrying fresh free-range pork, chicken and eggs, vegetables and fruit, arrives to set up a stall before pick-up time at selected schools. Families of schoolchildren are encouraged to pick up the food, along with recipes to help them cook meals from scratch.

The food bags are free of charge, although people are asked to make a donation if they can. The deliveries and packing are all carried out by local volunteers.

Since the scheme started last January about 7,000 food bags have been delivered to families at six schools in Staffordshire, with four new schools soon to be added to the scheme.

Councillor Philip Atkins, leader of Staffordshire County Council and a farmer himself, said: "This is a wonderfully simple project that is bringing local organisations, volunteers and farmers together to make a real difference to local families."

Rob and Sally Mercer, founders of Farm Fresh Revolution, were inspired to set up the scheme after Rob visited food projects around the world while looking at what farmers can do for UK food security.

Sarah Sindrey, head-teacher at Moorhill Primary in Cannock – one of the schools benefitting from the scheme – said: "The children are getting involved, cooking with their parents."

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A-peal for new bell ringers is issued



Bell ringers Geoff Pick and Linda Pick, both of Cannock Wood, at St Luke's Church, Cannock

A NATIONAL shortage of bell ringers has sparked an appeal for 1,400 new recruits. The nationwide Ringing Remembers campaign has been launched in memory of the 1,400 bell ringers who died in the First World War.

Ringers at St Luke's Church in Cannock are among those who have joined the call.

Alan Regin, aged 58, from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, said: "I'd love people around the UK to help 2018 become the year that saves British bell ringing."

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Hill group are in the running for cash aid

FRIENDS of Etching Hill are hoping to bag a cash boost from an initiative run by Tesco.

The supermarket chain teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £4,000, up to £2,000 and £1,000 raised from carrier bag sales in stores awarded to community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been short-listed to receive the cash award, and shoppers are being invited to vote for who they think should get the top grant. Friends of Etching Hill is one of the groups on the Tesco Bags of Help shortlist. If successful, the cash will help the group, working in conjunction with an ecologist and trustees, to restore heathland and encourage biodiversity.

Voting is open in all Tesco stores throughout January and February. Customers vote by using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Woman who terrified her grandfather is spared jail

A MOTHER of four who forced her naked grandfather to leap up to 15ft to the ground, breaking his leg, has been spared a jail term.

Jade Brindley, aged 29, was armed with a cricket bat when she smashed her way into the Burntwood home of Geoffrey Witton, a judge heard.

She held a grudge against him after an alleged incident involving her mother Sharon, who subsequently stabbed him and is now serving a 14-year jail sentence, Wol-

verhampton Crown Court was told. Brindley shouted from outside but he had not seen her for many years and failed to recognise her, said Mr Tariq Shakoor, prosecuting. Mr Witton was terrified and phoned a relative as the defendant broke glass in the back door at 7am on July 29.

"He was naked and climbed out of the bathroom window onto a roof and, when he heard her coming up the stairs, jumped up to 15 feet onto concrete," Mr Shakoor said. Mr Witton fractured his leg in two places.

Brindley, of Eremont Close, Ru-

geley, admitted possession of an offensive weapon and taking revenge on the basis she had not intended to cause injury. The defendant had spent six months in custody on remand after her arrest and, Miss Alison Downs, representing her, said: "Her life had fallen apart."

Brindley, who was freed on bail last month, was given a 20-month jail term suspended for two years with an order to live where directed by the probation service.

She was also banned from contacting her grandfather for five years.

£3k grant for walking route at wildlife centre

STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust has received a grant to improve visitor access around its Wolseley Centre base.

The £3,580 from the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Sustainable Development Fund will be used to create a circular walking route around part of the centre. A new boardwalk will be installed to replace the existing steps which act as a barrier for access.

The Wolseley Centre, near Rugeley, caters for 100,000 visits each year and is a key visitor attraction on the edge of the AONB. The new boardwalk will allow people easier access from the woodland area of the site onto the riverbank, including people using wheelchairs and pushchairs.

James Dennison, fundraising and membership manager for the trust, said: "All visitors will benefit from the project, but we are specifically targeting people who are currently unable to access the circular route due to the steps."

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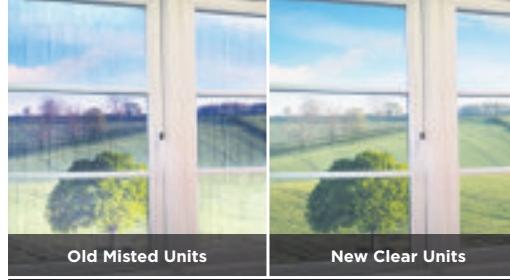
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Last year Hednesford had the highest number of Tennis for Free participants across the UK

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Sundays see the return of the popular Tennis for Free sessions run by Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club. Last year Hednesford had the highest number of Tennis for Free participants across the UK with 532 different players averaging 43 people a week. Sessions run from 10am to midday on Sundays on the tennis courts, and places can be booked at hednesfordparktennis.co.uk

Weekly activities have been launched throughout the week, during school term times, at the popular park. They include Chase Fit Walks for Health on Mondays at 9.30am, 11am and 1pm.

On Tuesday mornings, in the Pavilion Community Room, there are the Twiglets: Natural crafts for little people with carers gathering while on Wednesdays there are the Toast Shop Vulnerable adult drop-in friendship group. English and maths sessions are available for adults while there

are also work experience and schools projects.

Tomorrow (Friday) there is a gathering of the Cannock Chase Dementia Action Alliance Meeting (Community action and support) from 10am in the Pavilion Community Room.

Later this month, there will also be a two-day course to make old fashioned toys and an RSPB bird watch walk.

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Pub ready to get in groove with jazz gigs

LICHFIELD Jazz have lined up two gigs to help music lovers 'get over the winter blues' at the George IV pub in the city.

The first of these concerts is on Wednesday, January 17, when composer/pianist Tim Amann takes along his X-tet outfit, which features Ray Butcher on trumpet and Sam Rogers on saxes plus a rhythm section of Adam Gilchrist on bass and Carl Hemmingsley on drums.

Organisers say the audience will be treated to some 'super jazz and some standards'.

The second gig is on Wednesday, February 21 when guitarist Nik Svarc makes his first appearance in Lichfield featuring 'groovy jazz with inspired improvisation'.

Both concerts at the Bore Street pub start at 8pm. Admission is £6 and further information can be obtained at www.nickdewhurst.com/jazz-at-the-george-iv

Dog owner's warning over deadly disease symptoms

A DOG owner is calling for more people to be made aware of the symptoms of Alabama Rot after his pet died from the disease.

Philip Richardson, from Wimblebury, whose spoolie Jake died from the disease last month, said he believed that many of the cases are misdiagnosed because not much is known about it. It comes as the latest confirmed case was reported two weeks ago in Edgbaston and follows two cases that were confirmed in

Cannock in November. The 51-year-old said: "I think figures are distorted in relation to the disease."

"I was speaking at length with a vet, and they were extremely helpful, but her words were that as a vet it is quite frightening because they don't even know how many misdiagnosed cases there are."

"I do believe, before winter is over, there will be more cases." Alabama Rot is a fast-acting deadly disease that causes damage to dogs' blood vessels and kidneys, and there is no known cure or cause. It is believed to

be caused by environmental factors, and most cases occur during winter.

There have been 112 confirmed cases since 2012 when it was first detected in the UK, with 29 cases in 2017. The first symptoms include lesions which develop quickly to cause kidney failure that is fatal.

David Walker, an Alabama Rot specialist at Anderson Moores Veterinary Specialists, said: "We are still learning a lot about the disease."

To donate to the Alabama Rot Research Fund, which has so far raised £13,000, go to www.arrf.org

Crew remove door to reach collapsed man

FIREFIGHTERS had to remove a door to get to a man who had collapsed behind it. They then administered CPR while waiting for paramedics.

The incident happened at an address in Holyoak Place, Rugeley, on Thursday.

Two ambulances were sent to the scene, and the man was taken to County Hospital in Stafford where he was last said to be in a critical condition.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service tweeted: "The service's thoughts are with him and his loved ones."

A West Midlands Ambulance Service spokeswoman said: "We were called at 9.15am to reports on an unconscious patient."

"We sent two ambulances and the man was taken to County Hospital. Fire crews were needed to remove a door and get to the patient."

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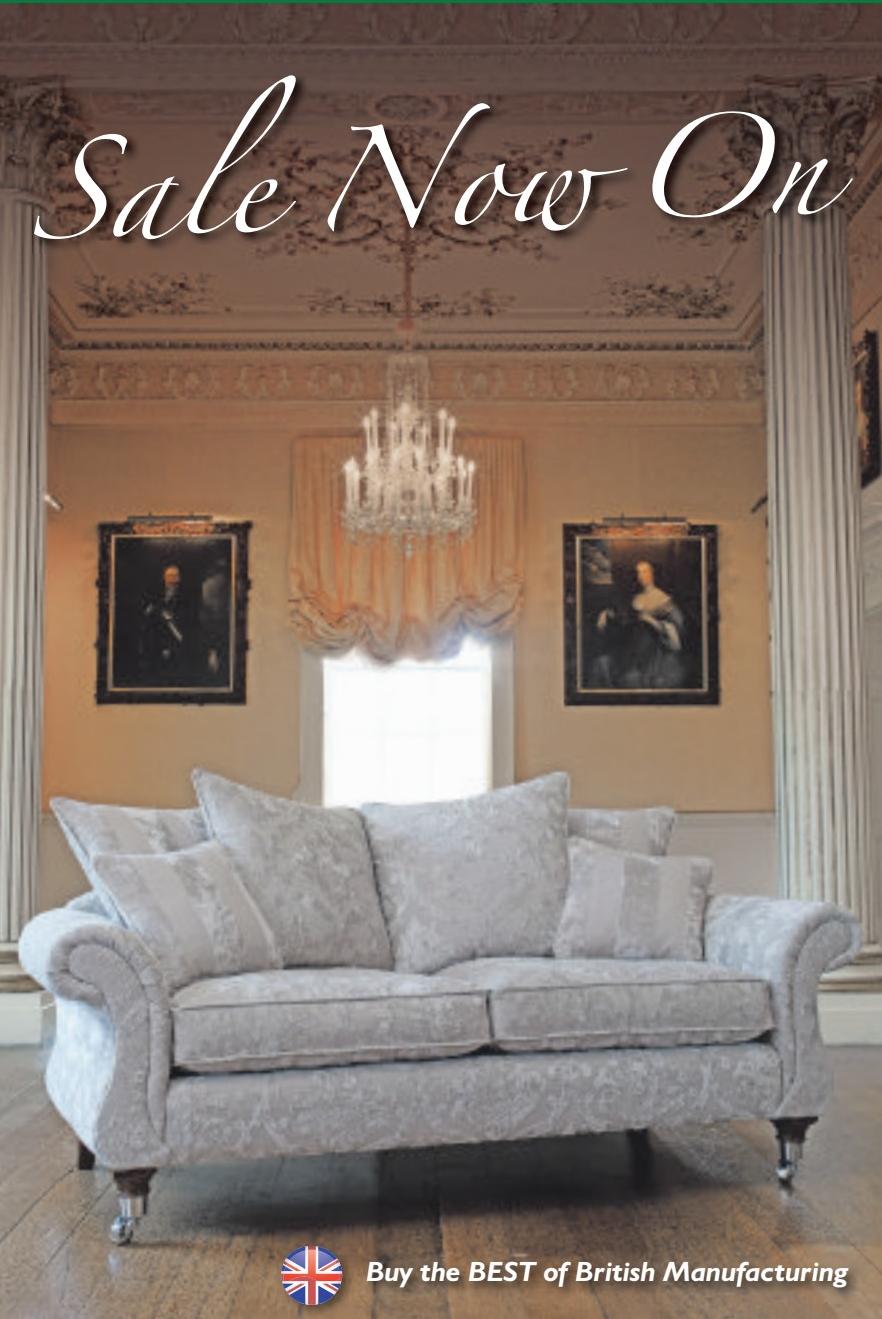
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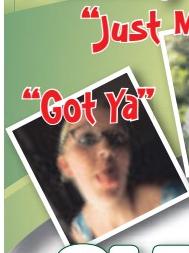
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Future of libraries to be put in the spotlight

THREE months of consultation over the future of Staffordshire's libraries has begun.

Discussions will include potentially using technology to maintain and extend opening hours with an automated service.

Other ideas include increasing the number of community managed libraries and reviewing how the mobile and travelling service is used. Although Staffordshire has 43 libraries, this review applies to only the 20 which are still directly managed and run by the county council.

Since 2014, following a public consultation, 23 of the county's libraries have been transferred, or are in the process of being transferred, to community groups which take over the management and day-to-day running of the building, while the council remains responsible for agreed utility bills and maintenance costs.

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All 20 branches involved in the process will be considered for the options involving opening hours. They are: Biddulph, Burntwood, Burton, Cannock, Cheadle, Clayton, Codsall, Eccleshall, Kidsgrove, Leek, Lichfield, Newcastle, Penkridge, Perton, Rugeley, Stafford, Stone, Tamworth, Uttoxeter and Wombourne.

The four 'least busy' libraries will also be considered for suitability to become community-managed libraries. They are Cleckheaton, Eccleshall and Penkridge.

The consultation lasts until April 1 and there will be events – advertised locally and at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/connectedlibraries – at every county council managed library and at 10 mobile and travelling library stops.

People can also use the same website to leave comments; fill in a questionnaire at any library; or email connectedlibraries@staffordshire.gov.uk to have their say.

Praise be for lights visitors



The show included a blue sky dotted with white stars and purple flares beamed on the interior ceiling and columns Picture: Greg Milner

STAFF at Lichfield Cathedral have thanked everyone who went to its lights display in December.

Following an award-winning light and sound show in 2016 the cathedral's illuminated show returned in 2017 with a 'Star of Wonder, Star of Light' theme.

It featured hour-long displays both inside and outside the building.

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Food businesses told to clean up their act

SEVEN businesses in Walsall were temporarily shut down and four were prosecuted over food standards breaches, while another caused a salmonella outbreak by selling contaminated kebabs in 2017, it has been revealed.

Walsall Council visited nearly 1,000 premises last year and handed out six 'zero' ratings demanding 'urgent' improvement and 74 level one ratings requiring 'major' improvement, according to the Food Standards Agency.

Dozens more, including a school club, were given a level two rating falling below 'satisfactory' standards.

The findings come as an environmental health report for the last 12 months was published by the council.

It shows that nine people fell ill from salmonella after eating kebab meat and salad from a takeaway. Legal action is pending. Seven businesses were served with Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notices.

Metro Mayor lays out plans to tax old diesels off the streets

METRO Mayor Andy Street has revised the idea of a West Midlands congestion charge to combat pollution from older 'dirty' diesels vehicles.

He was speaking as latest auto industry figures revealed a slump in demand for diesel cars last year.

The idea of a London-style congestion charge has been proposed several times for Birmingham and the surrounding area, including the Black Country, but has previously proved highly unpopular with

the public. Mr Street flagged up the rapid growth in demand for electric vehicles and said the whole industry could be seen moving towards offering more electric and hybrid options.

"My own prediction is that this will grow very rapidly," he said, adding that he was determined that the West Midlands would be the centre for this new industry.

In the meantime, Mr Street said, the region was drawing up plans under the Government's 'clean air' strategy to tax heavily polluting, older diesel vehicles, including commercial vehicles, off the roads of the region's towns and cities.



Andy Street - demand

Council set to consider planning applications

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Land to the south of Sunny Corner, Upper Way, Upper Longdon - erection of two-bedroom detached dwelling and single detached garage with associated works.

Land rear of 56 New Road, Armitage - erection of two-bedroom detached dwelling and associated works.

81 Lichfield Road, Burntwood - demolition of garage and erection of single and two-storey rear extension to form entrance hall, wet room, utility, study, bedroom, bathroom.

17 Lakeside View, Handsacre - single-storey front and rear extensions to form porch and garden room and new boundary wall to side.

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Crews attend one serious electrical fire every day

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The organisation has urged people to take extra around appliances on the back of the high number of attendances.

Firefighters were called out 51 times in the month, two thirds of which – 67 per cent – were deemed serious.

Incidents included faulty appliances, wiring and overloaded plug sockets.

The figures came as the fire service issued a reminder for residents to park responsibly after they were delayed in responding to another appliance fire in a home.

Crews were called to an address, but while en route firefighters had to ask residents to move their vehicles in order to get the fire engine through to the incident, causing them a delay in getting to the house.

Faults

Station manager Carl Mason said: "A fire investigation found the blaze was caused by a fault with the appliance.

"It is concerning that we have seen a few of this type of incident recently and can not stress enough how important it is to register your appliance so you will be informed of any faults with products such as this.

"It is also vital to keep these appliances in good repair."

The service has issued a check-list of things for people to do to avoid becoming the next victim. Advice includes using officially supplied charges and not cheap alternatives, replacing damaged cables and not overloading sockets.

Further tips include not leaving washing machines on overnight and cleaning the filter on tumble dryers regularly. Type 'electrical safety' at www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk for more information.

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A VET practice in Great Wyrley invited clients to contribute to its December 'Give a Pet a Christmas Dinner' campaign – and collected 496 tins and pouches of cat and dog food and over 83kg of dry pet food to support homeless animals.

This is the fourth year 387 Veterinary Centre has run the month-

long initiative. This time, donations are being shared between Sunnyside Kennels, Ravens Rescue, Rugeley Cats Society and Ashmore Rescue for Cats (ARC).

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The building company has handed over high-visibility vests to the First Armitage Rainbows, which was set up in the village recently.

"We now have around 20 girls attending weekly sessions, ranging in age from five to seven, from Armitage and other surrounding villages," said Sandra Malkin, the group's leader.

"Rainbows teaches girls valuable life skills, develops their self-confidence and helps them to make

new friends. Many of the activities are outdoors during our evening meetings and the donation of the hi-vis vests will enable us to take the girls out knowing that they can be seen safely by the general public and traffic."

"All of the girls and leaders from the First Armitage Rainbows would like to say a massive thank you to Cameron Homes for donating the vests and helping us to keep our girls safe."

Sonya Bagley of Cameron Homes, which builds developments throughout Staffordshire and surrounding counties, said that the firm was happy to help.

Near 4pc rise at JCB

JCB shop floor employees returned to work after the holiday to a new year pay rise of 3.9 per cent.

Order books are at their strongest in the Staffordshire digger giant's history.

The 2018 increase, which is linked to November 2017's Retail Price Index, is part of a three-year wage deal and took effect from January 1 at sites including JCB Cab Systems in Rugeley.

It follows a £500 Christmas bonus paid to all of JCB's 5,500 UK employees.

Over the past 12 months, JCB has recruited more than 1,200 people at its 11 UK factories in Stafford-

shire, Derbyshire and Wales and handed permanent contracts to 150 agency employees – with more to follow this year.

JCB has increased its purchasing spend globally to more than £2 billion a year and in the past 12 months spending with the company's 2,500 UK suppliers has risen by 13 per cent compared with 2016. This came as the company launched 46 new products.

The group last week went into production with a new and innovative range of site dumpers at its world headquarters at Rocester in a move which will create around 70 new jobs over the next 12 months.

JCB chairman Lord Bamford said: "There is every reason to be optimistic about the future."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cars stolen in keys burglary

THIEVES took two cars from a driveway after breaking into a home and swiping the keys.

The burglary happened in the early hours of last Wednesday at a property in Coley Grove, Little Haywood, near Shugborough.

The cars were a black Volkswagen Tiguan and a blue S5 Audi.

Orchids will be the topic of talk

THE next event being held by the Cannock group of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is an illustrated talk on 'British Orchids' by Peter Coxhead.

It will take place on Wednesday, January 17, at 7.30pm at St Luke's Church Centre in Cannock. Admission is £2 which includes refreshments. All are welcome. Call 01889 881889.

Hampers donated to needy families

MEMBERS of Lichfield District Safer Community Partnership donated festive food to make up five Christmas hampers for families on low incomes.

The partnership is made up of more than 20 organisations, including Lichfield District Council, Staffordshire Police, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, and Victim Support.

Church to hold sale

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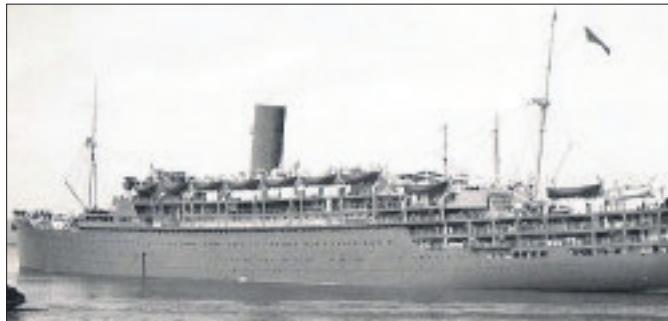
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SS Strathallan after being requisitioned for troop transport in the Second World War

The night when Ernest, aged 19, was torpedoed

SHE was one of many former passenger liners requisitioned for troop transport in the Second World War, but at 2.31am on December 21, 1942, SS Strathallan came under attack in the Mediterranean from a German U-boat which would spell the end for her military service.

While steaming to the North of Oran, off the Algerian coast of North Africa, four torpedoes were fired at the ship, one hitting the port side, killing some of the crew in the engine room instantly in the explosion. The order was given to the 4,408 British and US troops and 248 Queen Alexandra's nurses to abandon ship in calm seas, which they did in the four motor boats, 16 lifeboats and rafts.

A rescue mission was launched with soldiers transferred to other destroyers, including HMS Verity and later HMS Laforey, so that they could be transported to safety.

Among those who had been on board at the time the torpedo hit was Trooper Ernest Higgins, of Cannock, who was a tank driver with the The Lothian and Border Horse Yeomanry.

He was only 19 at the time but he managed to escape from the ship. His family back home in Cannock had no clue as to the ordeal he had gone through until much later, although they did receive a telegram on Christmas Day morning telling them he was safe.

After the North African Campaign finished in 1943, Mr Higgins was stationed in Italy and was involved in the Battle of Monte Cassino in 1944. He did not return home to Staffordshire until December 1946.

After the war, father-of-four Mr Higgins worked as a coach driver, including for Midland Red, in Stafford.

Despite losing his eyesight, he was regularly seen with his street organ in Cannock town centre collecting money for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. He died in May last year, aged 94.

Mr Higgins' sister Marion Biggins, who lives in their family home in Cannock, is keen for what happened to SS Strathallan to be remembered and is proud of her brother's war service.

Frightening

The 84-year-old said: "Not a lot of people know about what happened to SS Strathallan but it's a pattern that must have been repeated again and again during the war."

"The official Admiralty report was only made public recently. It must have been very frightening for Ernest because he was only 19."

"He didn't speak about it much but it must have affected him. I was only eight or nine when he went away and he was away from home for a long time."

"My father had been injured in the First World War and my mother had lost her brother in the same war."

"So it must have been very hard for my parents to see their only son go off to war."

"We never knew what he was doing or when he would be home."

"He was a very articulate and intelligent man. He was quite philosophical about what he went through."

In the Admiralty report, Captain John Henry Biggs describes the moment the SS Strathallan, which had been requisitioned by the Ministry of War Transport (MoWT), was torpedoed.

He said: "The explosion was very loud and the force of it shook the whole ship."

After the troops and nurses were transferred to the rescue vessels in the aftermath of the explosion, it was believed the stricken ship was still salvageable despite the damage caused by the torpedo, which had been fired under the command of Ka-



Ernest Higgins, of Cannock, aged 19



SS Strathallan as a passenger liner

pitanleutnant Horst Hamm. At around 1.15pm on December 21, a fire broke out, quickly spreading to her cargo of rockets and ammunition, and the ship continued to burn as she was towed by HMS Restive.

But she capsized to port and sank 12 miles off Oran at about 4am on December 22 despite the efforts to rescue her.

As well as the nurses and troops, more than 400 crew members and 26 gunners were at sea on Strathallan.

Of the total number on board, it is believed that only six crew members, five nurses and five troops were lost.

Mr Biggs was later awarded the CBE and the Lloyds War Medal for bravery at sea.

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Alton Towers unveils ride and 1,000 job vacancies



Artwork that has been created to publicise Alton Towers' newest ride, the Wicker Man rollercoaster

ALTON Towers has revealed full details of its newest attraction – the Wicker Man rollercoaster – as well as plans to take on 1,000 staff before it opens in March.

The new ride will feature a six-story flaming structure. The £16 million project, including a 2,028 ft track, is the first wooden rollercoaster to be built in the UK for 21 years, bosses at the Staffordshire leisure site said.

A 57.5ft 'wicker man' will appear to burst into flames as thrill-seekers race through the structure three times. The rollercoaster, which shares its name

with the British 1970s classic horror film, starring Christopher Lee, is due to open to visitors this spring.

The Wicker Man burning logo was projected onto the London Eye to mark the announcement, and the park has also commissioned Stranger Things artist Kyle Lambert to produce its official announcement poster.

The theme park's season begins on March 17, and there are a number of roles to be filled. Details of vacancies can be viewed at alton towersjobs.com.

Alton Towers said the safety of customers has been paramount in building the ride, which has involved 'rigorous testing'.



The logo projected onto the London Eye

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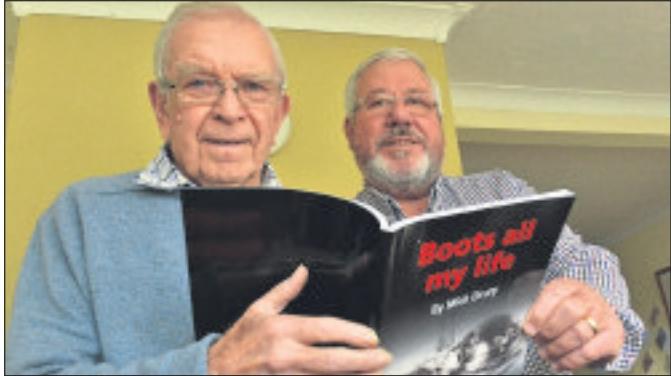
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Mick Drury with Councillor Alan Dean at the book launch

The pits? No, I loved it says ex-miner Mick



The mines rescue team at Valley Colliery



Mick giving a demonstration in 2010



Mick working as a safety officer down the pit

IT was a job worked in darkness and surrounded by danger. But for ex-miner-turned-author Mick Drury it was the best job ever.

But it was the best job ever.
And now the 81-year-old from Hedgesford has released his memoirs of more than 30 years spent at Littleton Colliery, in the village of Huntington.

The colliery closed in 1993 and was the last working coal mine in the Cannock Chase Coalfield. Mick's book, aptly entitled 'Boots All My Life', tells tales of his daily

He said: "I look back with such fond memories despite it being hard work."

Memories

"We were moving 22 tonne of coal a day. I never realised that every day that was happening. There was great camaraderie and the humour in the pits kept us going. I went all through working on the coalface.

"Boots All My Life will now be my 10th book. Among the others, I have written about the coal board and community life in ex-army barrack huts, but this is my memoirs about my time at the colliery."

Mick could easily have seen his future

Mick could easily have seen his future guided in another path away from the coalface had it not been for the death of his father. "I started in the mines straight after I finished school in 1951," he said. "I was originally going to work as a printer but my different mines but there was nothing about Cannock."

Boots All My Life is available from Councillor Alan Dean on 01543 275638. The cover price is £14 or £10 for members of the Mining Society.

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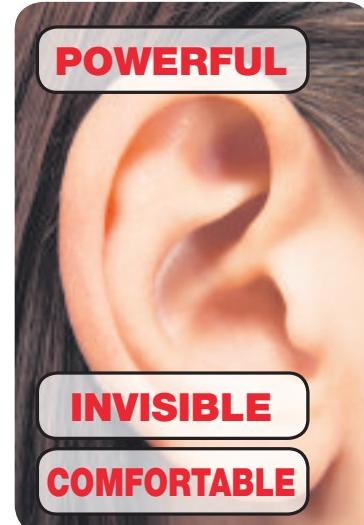
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Glenn Hughes in fine voice at Wolverhampton Civic Hall

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BLACK Country Communion stormed their hometown of Wolverhampton in one of just two UK shows.

The rock and blues supergroup, fronted by Cannock's Glenn Hughes, were a force to be reckoned with, kicking off their set with 2012 number Big Train, with rip-roaring riffs from guitar virtuoso Joe Bonamassa and phenomenal vocals from bassist Hughes.

The band played for a solid two hours at a packed-out Civic Hall in the last of the shows to be played at the city centre venue before it once again closed for further refurbishment.

"Thank you so much for coming out tonight," beamed 65-year-old Hughes.

"It's been a while – seven years. We named this band after the people of the Black Country. It all started for me 50 years ago in this town. This is the home of Black Country Communion."

Drummer Jason Bonham, son of the late Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham, impressed with a huge variety of styles, thunderous power and tremendous skill. Joe Bonamassa, meanwhile, gave jaw-dropping performances throughout the set, with his

unique talent shining through at every turn. With the addition of keyboardist Derek Sherinian, this is a band whose members are each true stars in their own right. From 2010 number One Last Soul, through to songs from their 2017 album such as Over My Head and The Crow, they gave out nothing but high-quality performances. Another top moment saw Gerry O'Connor from The Dubliners join the band on Last Song For My Resting Place.

"There is no mistake that we needed to play here," grinned Hughes. "We wanna see you again. We'll be back, you gotta believe me."

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After Laughter, we are heading to gig

Grammy Award-winners Paramore returned with their fifth album, After Laughter, in spring 2017.

The new wave group from Tennessee topped the American rock charts and enjoyed a top 10 hit in the main charts on both sides of the Atlantic as critics were dazzled.

The Observer said: 'After Laughter could be one of the year's best pop albums', the Sunday Times Culture added: 'After Laughter is a blast', NME wrote 'a pop triumph', The Sun said 'their best music in years' and DIY awarded it full marks and described it as 'perfect'.

The trio – Hayley Williams, Zac Farro and Taylor York – have returned to the UK for a five-date, whistle-stop arena tour, which reaches Arena Birmingham on Sunday.

The shows are the band's first since June last year, when they played five intimate gigs – including one at the Royal Albert Hall – to coincide with the release of After Laughter.

Having previously performed sold out shows at the O2 Arena, Wembley Arena, and co-headlined Reading & Leeds Festivals in 2014, fans are in for something special.

Their recent show at the Royal Albert Hall was a triumph with DIY writing: 'They say what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger and tonight, against the iconic backdrop of the Royal Albert Hall, Paramore prove to be at their most powerful yet'. The Evening Standard added: 'Eighties-style synths and sleek guitars ruled the night at this animated gig'. Q described it as 'perfect'.

Paramore are four-times Grammy nominees and won the Best Rock Song trophy at the 57th Annual Awards. They have long established themselves as international rock superstars.

Their previous self-titled album Paramore hit number one in the UK and US upon release, and showcased a string of blockbuster singles including two two-times RIAA platinum-certified hits, plus smashes Still Into You and Ain't It Fun.

The band has enjoyed a truly remarkable run of critically-acclaimed albums and singles since coming together in Nashville in 2004, from 2005's gold-certified debut, All We Know Is Falling and 2007's two-times platinum-certified breakthrough, RIOT! – with its three-times platinum-certified hit, Misery Business, as well as the platinum-certified singles crushcrushcrush and That's What You Get – to 2008's worldwide platinum Decode and 2009's platinum-certified Brand New Eyes and its Grammy-nominated smash, The Only Exception.

Frontwoman Hayley has grown up in the spotlight. She formed the band following the divorce of her parents, when she was 14, and signed her first record deal a year later when Atlantic snapped her up.

A poetic and sensitive lyricist, she helped the band to flourish alongside peers like My Chemical Romance and Fall Out Boy.

The band took their time over After Laughter, following the international success of their self-titled 2013 record.

Hayley says: "I didn't even know if we were going to make another record... There was a moment when I didn't even want it to happen. Then it was like, I want it to happen, but I don't know how we're going to do it."

The songs were written following a lengthy period of introspection by Hayley, who went into therapy. "For the first time in my life, there

We'll be over on the first flight – Paramore are at Arena Birmingham



wasn't a pinhole of light at the end of the tunnel. I thought, I just wish everything would stop. It wasn't in the sense of, I'm going to take my life. It was just hopelessness. Like, 'What's the point?' I don't think I understood how dangerous hopelessness is. Everything hurts."

The band were keen to make a break with the past and their re-branding involved bringing in an LA designer, Scott Cleary. He was keen to underscore the band's new sound and direction by creating an impossible trident optical illusion as the album's artwork.

"The band came to me when they were recording the album in LA. We've been friends for a while so we were spending a lot of time together while they were in town from Nashville. They asked me if I'd be interested in doing the album artwork and band re-brand, to which I jumped at the chance. They had some ideas around the 80s vibes of the record, and a few visual references they were feeling. I did the usual 'listen to the record, write/draw a bunch of stuff' and came up with the idea of a landscape where colors, shapes and textures



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would represent sounds and moments on the record. They were sold from my first concept, which is very rare, but just shows we were all on the same page. The band were great to work with—it helped being friends, as I didn't need to go through a bunch of people to get fast opinions. I created a computer-generated layout of the whole artwork, then recreated each element in real life (lots of crafting), photographed it, then brought it back into the landscape. Sonically, the record is very 'real' and I wanted the imagery details to have that finishing touch."

After Laughter dealt with a range of topics, including death. Hayley was determined to mull over the things on her mind – and also wanted to become a kinder person.

"Man, I was just taught to be nice. I'm going to be gone one day, and I have to accept that tomorrow isn't promised. Am I OK with how I'm living today? It's the only thing I can help."

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Lucy O'Byrne as Maria



Do-Re-Maria returns

THE hills are alive with The Sound of Music again as the wholesome alpine fresh musical returns with one of the most popular Marias of recent years in the spotlight.

Lucy O'Byrne, who returns to the iconic role of Maria, found fame when she was the runner up of BBC One's The Voice in 2015. With Will.i.am as her mentor Lucy made history as the first classical singer to reach the final.

The Irish singer won rave reviews for her performance as Maria Von Trapp in the 2016 UK touring production of The Sound of Music, being hailed as 'quite possibly the best Maria since Julie Andrews herself' by The Scotsman.

Following the tour Lucy won the coveted role of Fantine in Cameron Mackintosh's world record-breaking musical phenomenon Les Misérables, which she performed in the West End until earlier this year.

Neil McDermott takes the role of Captain Von Trapp,

played by Christopher Plummer in the much-loved 1965 film. Neil played the recurring role of Ryan Molloy in EastEnders. He is also a regular on stage with roles in the West End including Chief Weasel in The Wind in the Willows and Lord Farquaad in Shrek.

This famous show began with the true story of the Von Trapp Family Singers and their escape from the Nazis after their beloved Austria became part of the Third Reich. Baroness Maria von Trapp's 1949 autobiography inspired Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II, Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse to create the Broadway musical in 1959.

The unforgettable score features some of the most memorable songs ever performed on stage, including Edelweiss, My Favorite Things, Do-Re-Mi, Climb Ev'ry Mountain, So Long, Farewell and, of course, The Sound of Music. Produced by Bill Kenwright, this production is at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

Coward's way at Birmingham Rep

This weekend marks the final opportunities to catch Birmingham Repertory Theatre's winter hit, The Hundred And One Dalmatians.

Once Cruella and co finally give up on their diabolical plan to turn those adorable puppies into a winter coat, following Saturday's final performance of the family favourite show, Birmingham Rep swings into its new season.

One of Birmingham's premier amateur theatre companies, Hall Green Little Theatre, stage Noel

A night of Glee with Abigailah

One of the world's fastest rising female comics will make a rare West Midlands appearance when she features at Birmingham's Glee Club this weekend.

Abigailah Schamaun will feature tomorrow night (Friday) when she joins a bill with Jake Lambert and Fin Taylor. Abigailah grew up in rural Ohio and at the tender age of 18 moved to New York to seek her fame and fortune. She didn't find it so moved to London where she has won acclaim as a stand-up comedian and actor.



Dig in to this gentle comedy boxed set

All three series of gentle comedy Detectorists are now available on DVD in a boxed set which is well worth digging into. Mackenzie Crook and Toby Jones, two fine character actors, play bickering pals who are devoted to metal detecting, both dream of making that big hoard-like find. They face difficulties in their personal lives and make enemies in their hunt for ancient gold. This gem was shown on BBC Four and may have passed by some viewers who would appreciate its slow burn comedy. It's a reminder that The Office's Mackenzie Crook, soon to be seen as a terrifying druid in Sky Atlantic's Britannia, is a master of comic timing. He also wrote and directed. Guests include Diana Rigg and Peaky Blinders' Aimee-Ffion Edwards. The three series and Christmas special are available in a boxed set, as is a DVD of series three.

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Emma Willis

The Voice UK (ITV, 8pm)

Emma Willis presents the second round of Blind Auditions, as Will.i.am, Jennifer Hudson, Olly Murs and Tom Jones take their places in the famous spinning chairs once again. As ever, the competitors are invited to step onto the stage and sing to the coaches' backs, meaning they must judge the performance based on the quality of the voice alone. All four coaches will be pitching against each other to fill their teams ahead of the Battle and Knockout rounds, with the coveted recording contract with Polydor of offer to the ultimate winner.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast, 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live, 11.30 Mary Berry Everyday, (R) 12.00 Football Focus, 1.00 BBC News; Weather, 1.15 Live Athletics – Great Edinburgh Cross Country Coverage from Holyrood Park, 3.15 Money for Nothing, (R) 4.00 Final Score, 5.10 Celebrity Mastermind, 5.40 BBC News, 5.50 Regional Programme.**
- 6.00 And They're Off for Sport Relief.** Ore Oduba hosts a sporting challenge in which celebrities compete in a series of bizarre races.
- 6.40 Pointless Celebrities.** John Cooper Clarke, Suzannah Lipscomb, Mark Horton, Alice Roberts, Maggie Adair-Pocock and Robin Ince compete in an Academia-themed edition.
- 7.25 Wedding Day Winners.** Tim and Chris from Leicestershire compete against Richard and Kelly from Northern Ireland for the chance to win a televised wedding and a dream honeymoon.
- 8.25 Casualty.** A reunion with an old friend gives Max cause to re-evaluate his relationship with his estranged wife Zoe, and Elle reveals she wants to tell Blake that Jacob is his father.
- 9.15 BBC News; Weather.**
- 9.35 Hard Sun.** Renko persuades hungry young journalist Will Benedetti to stir up trouble by posting a story about the "Hard Sun" conspiracy, and immediately finds herself in the crosshairs of Security Services agent Grace Morrigan. As the truth is made public, a surgical strike from the government manages to diffuse the situation, preventing what should be a panic-inducing revelation into a laughable hoax.
- 9.45 QI XL.** Sarah Millican, Cariad Lloyd and Alice Levine join Alan Davies and Sandi Toksvig for an extended edition of the unconventional quiz, this time focussing on "Objects and Ornaments".
- 10.30 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; National Lottery Update.
- 11.55 The NFL Show.**
- 12.25 Film:** Mister John. (2013) 1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.00 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.10 The Wonder of Animals, (R) 6.40 Naomi's Nightmares of Nature, 7.10 The Pets Factor, 7.30 Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch, 7.45 Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch, 8.00 The Dangineers, 8.30 Dealer's Top, (R) 9.00 Robot Wars, (R) 10.00 Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge, (R) 11.00 Pets – Wild at Heart, (R) 1.30 Back to the Land with Kate Humble, (R) 2.30 Rome Unpacked, (R) 3.30 Brendan Foster: A Life in Athletics, (R) 4.15 Flog It! (R) 5.00 Trust Me, I'm a Doctor, (R) 5.30 Tom Kerridge's Loose Weight For Good, (R)**
- 6.00 Hugh's Wild West.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall explores the curious creatures of the Jurassic Coast, including the cuttlefish and the tern, as his wildlife expedition in the West Country continues.
- 7.00 A House Through Time.** David Olusoga focuses on the 1850s to the 1890s, revealing how a widow changed the Liverpool dwelling into a boarding house, and uncovering stories of infidelity and murder, (R)
- 8.00 Dad's Army.** Corporal Jones misplaces £500 donated by local shopkeepers to provide a new canteen for servicemen, so the platoon tries to help him remember where he put it, (R)
- 8.30 Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs.** Paul Murton continues his Grand Tour with a chilly swim across Loch Ba high on Rannoch Moor, and struggles against the elements while tramping.
- 9.00 Live at the Apollo.** Dame Baptiste presents stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo in west London, introducing sets by Desriee Burch and Chris McCaulaud, (R)
- 9.45 QI XL.** Sarah Millican, Cariad Lloyd and Alice Levine join Alan Davies and Sandi Toksvig for an extended edition of the unconventional quiz, this time focussing on "Objects and Ornaments".
- 10.30 Madonna Rebel Heart Tour.** Footage from the American pop singer's 2015-2016 international tour, featuring performances of her recent hits, and classic tunes such as Material Girl, Holiday, and Like a Prayer.
- 12.30 Film:** Night Train to Lisbon. (2013) 2.15 This is BBC Two.

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Sooty, 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street, (R) 6.20 Bottom Knocker Street, (R) 6.35 Dino Dana, (R) 6.50 Super 4, 6.70 Signed Stories: Share a Story, (R) 7.05 Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six, 7.30 Scrabmed!: Scrambled, 7.35 Scrabmed!: The Tom and Jerry Show, (R) 7.55 Scrabmed!: Fangbone, (R) 8.10 Scrabmed!: The Powerpuff Girls, (R) 8.30 Scrabmed!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!, (R) 9.05 Scrabmed!: Wishart, (R) 9.25 ITV News; Weather, 10.35 Dancing on Ice, (R) 2.30 Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home, (1995) Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter, 4.20 The Chase: Celebrity Special, (R) 5.20 Regional Programme, Weather, 5.30 ITV News; Weather, 5.45 The Brits Are Coming.**
- 6.45 Take Me Out.** A gymnast from London, a bird-watcher from Manchester, a Yorkshire pig-farmer, and a vintage car enthusiast from Worcester seek the approval of Paddy McGuinness's single ladies.
- 8.00 The Voice UK.** Emma Willis presents the second round of Blind Auditions, as Will.i.am, Jennifer Hudson, Olly Murs and Tom Jones take their places in the famous spinning chairs once again. As ever, the competitors are invited to step onto the stage and sing to the coaches' backs, meaning they must judge the performance based on the quality of the voice alone. All four coaches will be pitching against each other to fill their teams ahead of the Battle and Knockout rounds, with the coveted recording contract with Polydor of offer to the ultimate winner.
- 9.30 Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon invades the homes of another three anonymous celebrities, and challenges Frankie Bridge, Jonathan Ross and Ben Shephard to guess who lives there.
- 10.25 ITV News; Weather.**
- 10.45 Film:** Jaws 2. (1978) A man-eating shark menaces teenagers adrift off a seaside resort, while the police chief tries to alert the community. Thriller sequel, starring Roy Scheider.
- 12.45 Jackpot247, 3.00 Babushka, (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.**

SATURDAY'S TV JANUARY 13

CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 Kirstie's Vintage Gems, (R) 6.25 The King of Queens, (R) 6.50 The King of Queens, (R) 7.15 The King of Queens, (R) 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.35 Frasier, (R) 9.05 Frasier, (R) 9.35 Frasier, (R) 10.05 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 11.05 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 11.30 The Simpsons, (R) 12.30 The Simpsons, (R) 1.00 Come Dine with Me, (R) 2.00 Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships. Rob Walker presents live coverage of the eighth day of the event.**
- 6.00 A Place in the Sun.** Ben Hillman helps ex-RAF officers Simon Stenning and Amanda Butcher find a winter home on the Caribbean Island of Antigua, showing them five properties for their £330,000 budget, (R)
- 6.30 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 Spying on the Royals.** The conclusion of the two-part documentary about surveillance on Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. In the wake of the abdication, the couple took a holiday in America, unaware they were being spied on by US intelligence agencies as well as British. The outbreak of the Second World War saw them move on to Lisbon, where their dealings with a known Nazi collaborator raised concern for MI5, (R)
- 8.00 Queen Victoria's Last Love: Abdul Karim.** The monarch's relationship with Indian servant Abdul Karim, which led to jealousy in the royal household when he rose from waiter to become one of Victoria's closest confidants, (R)
- 9.00 Film: Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation.** (2015) Première. The team of secret agents faces being shut down when the head of the CIA convinces the US Senate that it is too dangerous. The operatives of the Impossible Mission Force become fugitives when they defy orders and plot to bring down a shadowy society of assassins. Spy thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner, Rebecca Ferguson and Simon Pegg.
- 11.40 Film:** Transporter 2. (2005) 1.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA, (R) 2.10 Hollyoaks, (R) 4.15 Coast vs Country, (R) 4.30 Access, (R)

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00 Milkshake, 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Britain's Sunken History 8.00 Alaska – Earth's Frozen Kingdom, 9.00 Spiral 11.10 The Vietnam War 12.05 Top of the Pops: 1985 12.45 Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC, 1.45 ePrix, 3.30 FIA Formula E Race, 3.45 Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History 3.45 Close Up**
- ITV2**
- 11.30 Take Me Out 12.35** Totally You've Been Framed! Gold 1.40 Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) 3.10 FYI Daily 3.15 Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) 3.45 Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) 4.45 FYI Daily 4.50 Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) 5.25 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) 6.25 FYI Daily 6.30 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) 9.00 Film: 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) 10.05 FYI Daily 10.10 Film: 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) 11.10 Family Guy 12.10 American Dad! 1.05 Release the Hounds: Love Island 2.00 biza Weekender 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen
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- E4**
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SUNDAY'S TV JANUARY 14

CHOICE



James Norton

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.** *7.35 Match of the Day*, (R) **9.00** *The Andrew Marr Show* **10.00**
- 9.00** *The Big Questions*, **11.00** Regional Programme, **12.15** *Bargain Hunt*, (R)
- 1.00** BBC News: Weather, **1.15** Money for Nothing, (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country, (R) **2.30** *The Truth About Looking Good*, (R) **3.30** *Big Cats*, (R) **4.30** *Songs of Praise*, **5.05** Attenborough and the Sea Dragon, (R)
- 6.05** BBC News.
- 6.20** Regional Programme.
- 6.30** *Countryfile*. The team reports from the Somerset Levels, where Matt Baker discovers a project to protect the common crane, a bird that now thrives in the area thanks to an unlikely partnership. Anita Rani meets an apple farmer, Adam Henson prepares for winter on his farm, and Charlotte Smith reports on the dangers of swimming in the sea. Plus, the first in a series of features on life as a rural vet.
- 7.30** *Still Open All Hours*. Granville tries to convince Mr Newbold that Mrs Featherstone has an exciting past. Eric and Cyril take up tandem cycling, and Leroy's latest task involves dressing up as a banana.
- 8.00** *The Coronation*. Documentary about the queen's coronation in 1953, featuring an interview with the monarch, who shares her memories and discusses seeing her father crowned as a child.
- 9.00** *McMafia*. Benny uncovers information about heroin being smuggled from Pakistan into India. He does not realise that Dilly is spying on him, and after a robbery, gains all the information he needs to pull off a heist - however Semiony warns that it is Alex's decision whether the operation goes ahead. Karin is suspicious about the fund Alex is using to move Semiony's money around, while Rebecca becomes concerned when she discovers Alex has a secret second phone. In Prague, Vadim resolves to find out who Benes is in league with.
- 10.00** BBC News.
- 10.20** Regional Programme.
- 10.30** *Match of the Day*, **2.00** Mark Chapman reviews the day's two Premier League matches - Bournemouth v Arsenal at the Vitality Stadium and Liverpool v Manchester City at Anfield.
- 11.30** *Man Like Moeben*. New comes. Sitcom about a reformed drug dealer trying to look after his younger sister. Moeben faces a moral quandary.
- 11.50** *Man Like Moeben*. Aks is suspended from school for fighting, and Moeben's uncles urge him to consider an arranged marriage to provide the girl with a much-needed female role model.
- 12.15** Weather for the Week Ahead.
- 12.20** BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.00** *Coast*, (R) **7.00** *The Instant Gardener*, (R) **7.45** *Gardeners' World*, (R) **8.15** *Greatest Gardens*, (R) **8.50** *Countryfile*, (R) **9.45** *Saturday Kitchen*, Best Bites, **11.15** *Parmesan Blanc*: How to Cook Well, (R) **11.45** Food & Drink, (R) **12.15** *MOTD Extra*, **1.00** *Live Snooker*: The Masters, Mark Selby v Mark Williams, **5.35** *Ski Sunday*.
- 6.21** *Film: Mr Holmes*, (2015). Premiere. An elderly Sherlock Holmes retires to a seaside farmhouse in the aftermath of the Second World War, and struggles to cope with his diminished faculties. Assisted by his housekeeper's inquisitive son, he tries to piece together the events of the one case that he failed to solve. Period mystery based on Mitch Cullin's novel *A Slight Trick of the Mind*, starring Ian McKellen.
- 8.00** *Yellowstone: The Wildest Winter*. Kate Humble, Patrick Ayre, scientists and wildlife cameramen examine the changing seasons at Yellowstone National Park during 2016, and the effect on the local American wildlife. In the first episode, Patrick follows the grizzly bears, who are taking a risk with the weather by leaving their winter dens early. Meanwhile, Kate gets to grips with the science behind this frozen season, (R)
- 9.00** *Dragons' Den*. Debrah Meaden, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman, Tej Lalvani and Jenny Campbell once again take their places in the boardroom, as more would-be entrepreneurs pitch their business plans. This time, a former bricklayer hopes his mortar-board invention will help him build a working relationship with a Dragon, and a mother-of-two seeks an investment for her child-tracking device. Plus, a hopeful snack industry pioneer pitches crisps inspired by astronauts, and a 25-year-old designer enlists the aid of a Paralympian to demonstrate her product designed for wheelchair users.
- 10.00** *ITV News: Weather*.
- 10.15** *Peston on Sunday*. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton, (R)
- 11.10** *Next of Kin*. A GP's brother is kidnapped on his way home to the UK from his clinic in Lahore, and a counterterrorism unit is anxious to trace his son. Thriller, with Archie Panjabi, (R)
- 12.05** *Great Art*. Tim Marlow explores the legacy of 19th-century art collector Paul Durand-Ruel, (R) **1.00** *Jacpot24*. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.00** *Sunday Night at the Palladium*. With Maroon 5, Earth, Wind & Fire and Ella Henderson, (R) **3.50** *ITV Nightscreen*.

ITV

- 6.00** *CITV: Sooty*, **6.10** *Bottom Knocker Street*, (R) **6.20** *Bottom Knocker Street*, (R) **6.35** *Dino Dana*, (R) **6.50** *Super 4*, (R) **7.00** *Signed Stories*: Share a Story, (R) **7.05** *Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six*, **7.30** *Scrambled!*: Scrambled!, **7.35** *Scrambled!*: The Tom and Jerry Show, (R) **7.55** *Scrambled!*: Ben 10, **8.10** *Scrambled!*: Mr Bean: The Animated Series, (R) **8.30** *Scrambled!*: Spy School, **9.05** *Scrambled!*: Wishart, (R) **9.25** *ITV News*, **9.30** *River Monsters*, (R) **10.00** *Peston on Sunday*, **11.00** *The Martin Clunes Money Show*, (R) **12.00** *The Voice*, (R) **1.30** *ITV News*, Weather, **1.40** *Britain's Brightest Family*, (R) **2.10** *The Cruise*: Return to the Mediterranean, (R) **2.40** *Film: Death Becomes Her*, (1992) Black comedy fantasy starring Goldie Hawn and Meryl Streep, **4.35** *Regional Programme*, Weather, **4.45** *ITV News*, Weather, **5.00** *The Chase*: Celebrity Special, (R)
- 6.00** *Dancing on Ice*. Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the skating challenge, with judges Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean, Jason Gardiner and Ashley Banjo assessing the celebrities' performance on the ice. This week features the first skate-off of the series, as two contestants and their professional partners compete to avoid being eliminated from the contest.
- 8.00** *Vera*. The detective investigates when a seemingly beloved resident of a coastal community is fatally driven off the road, and digs up the victim's past in the hope of unmasking the killer. Crime drama based on Ann Cleeves' series of novels, starring Brenda Blethyn.
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CHANNEL 4

- 6.00** *Kirstie's Handmade Treasures*, (R) **6.10** *The King of Queens*, (R) **6.35** *The King of Queens*, (R) **7.00** Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) **7.55** *Frasier*, (R) **8.30** *Frasier*, (R) **9.00** *Frasier*, (R) **9.30** *Sunday Brunch*, **12.30** *Jamie's Quick & Easy Food*, (R) **1.05** *The Simpsons*, (R) **1.35** *The Simpsons*, (R) **2.05** *Film*: Two by Two, (2015) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Tara Flynn. **3.50** *Channel 4 News*, **4.15** *Darts*: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships. Rob Walker presents live coverage of the men's final.
- 8.00** *The Biggest Little Railway in the World*. The miniature train begins its 1-metre journey, as the train ferry built in the previous episode does not work as well as expected. Further down the line, the track teams have to work quickly in heavy rain while fending off midges, while other engineers have to find a way to span a 60-metre viaduct that could flood at any moment.
- 9.00** *SAS: Who Dares Wins*. The remaining recruits are put through rounds of grueling training by special forces instructors in Morocco's Atlas Mountains. They must abseil more than 200 feet from the top of the El Mansour Dam, and undertake a grueling mountain climb in high temperatures while each carrying 40 pounds on their back. They are also forced to accept their own personal weaknesses and find ways to turn them to their advantage, as the instructors will be looking for those who are able to find strength in adversity.
- 10.00** *The Big Fat Quiz of Everything*. Vic Reeves, Bob Mortimer, Claudia Winkleman, Miranda Hart, Jonathan Ross and Nish Kumar answer Jimmy Carr's questions on the past 100,000 years of human history, (R)
- 12.00** *Film: Killing Them Softly*, (2012). Crime thriller, starring Brad Pitt. **1.45** *Grand Designs Australia*. A family builds a new home on a plot in the garden, (R) **2.40** *Location, Location, Location*. Catching up with a couple who were looking for a home in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, (R) **3.35** *KOTV Boxing Weekly*, **4.00** *Gillette World Sport*, **4.30** *Coast vs Country*. A couple look for a property in Cornwall either by the sea or in a rural area, (R) **5.25** *Four in a Bed*, (R) **5.50** *Kirstie's Handmade Treasures*, (R) **5.55** *3rd Rock from the Sun*, (R)

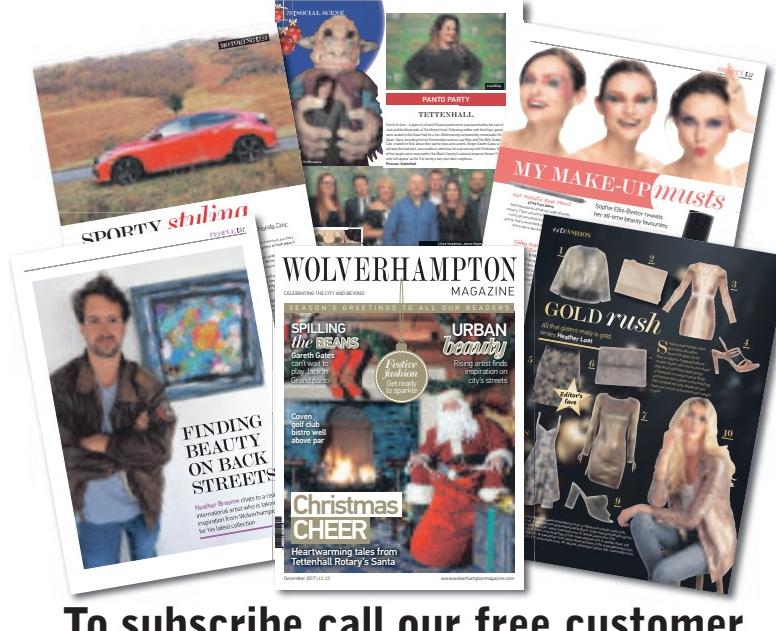
CHANNEL 5

- 6.00** *Milkshake! Little Princess*, **6.15** *Wanda and the Alien*, (R) **6.25** *Poppy Cat*, (R) **6.35** *Wesper*, (R) **6.40** *Milkshake! Monkey*, (R) **6.45** *Milkshake!* *Popping About*, (R) **6.50** *Simon*, (R) **7.00** *Peppa Pig*, (R) **7.05** *Paw Patrol*, (R) **7.15** *Thomas & Friends*, (R) **7.25** *Fireman Sam*, (R) **7.40** *Ollie and the Monster Machines*, (R) **8.10** *Paw Patrol*, (R) **8.25** *Nella the Princess Knight*, **8.40** *Noddy Toyland Detective*, (R) **9.00** *Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom*, (R) **9.10** *Shimmer and Shine*, (R) **9.25** *Digby Dragon*, (R) **9.45** *Peppa Pig*, (R) **9.55** *Peppa Pig*, (R) **10.00** *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, **10.35** *Football on 5*: The Championship, (R) **11.30** *Football on 5*: Goal Rush, (R) **12.00** *Blind Date*, (R) **1.00** *Will & Grace*, (R) **1.30** *Film*: Are We There Yet? (2005) Family comedy, starring Ice Cube, **3.15** *Film*: Dennis the Menace Strikes Again, (1998) Family comedy sequel, starring Justin Cooper, **4.40** *Film*: *Garfield*, (2004) Family comedy, with the voice of Bill Murray, **6.10** *Film*: *Pixels*, (2015) Premiere. Aliens declare war on Earth having seen video games from the 1980s and interpreted them as a threat. Their attack comes in the form of deadly recreations of classic video games, so the US government recruits four former arcade champions to repel the attack. Sci-fi comedy, starring Adam Sandler and Peter Dinklage. Edited for violence.
- 7.10** *5 News Update*.
- 7.15** *Film: Pixels*, (2015) Concluded.
- 8.00** *Billionaire Babies*: **24** *Carat Kids*.
- 8.55** *News Weekend*.
- 9.00** *Celebrity Big Brother*. Highlights of another day for the illustrious inhabitants as they cop with the day-to-day complications of life under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, while also dealing with one another's quirks and foibles.
- 10.05** *Film: Grown Ups 2*, (2013). Four friends try to relive their youth, but find their kids have a thing or two to teach them on the last day of school. Comedy sequel, with Adam Sandler and Chris Rock.
- 11.55** *One Night with My Ex*. Suspicions of cheating destroyed the trust between Kenya and Said, and they have not seen each other for two years. They are reunited to talk about what went wrong, (R)
- 12.55** *SuperCasino*, **3.10** *GP*: Behind Closed Doors, (R)

DIGITAL

- BBC Four**
- 7.00** *Only Connect*, **7.30** *University Challenge*, **8.00** *Voyager*: To the Final Frontier, **9.00** *Neil Armstrong - First Man on the Moon*, **10.00** *The Sky at Night*, **10.30** *Churchill's First World War*, **12.00** *The Story of Maths*, **2.00** *Neil Armstrong - First Man on the Moon*, **3.00** *Voyager*: To the Final Frontier, **4.00** *Close*
- ITV2**
- 12.35** *Take Me Out*, **1.50** *The Voice UK*, **3.20** *Film*: *The Smurfs 2*, (2013) **4.20** *FYI Daily 2.45* *Film*: *The Smurfs 2*, (2013)
- 5.25** *Film*: *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, (2002) **6.25** *FYI Daily 6.30* *Film*: *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, (2002) **9.00** *Ibiza Weekender*
- 10.00** *Family Guy*, **11.30** *American Dad!*, **12.30** *Film*: **That Awkward Moment**, (2014) **1.30** *FYI Daily 1.35* *Film*: **That Awkward Moment**, (2014) **2.20** *Teleshopping*, **5.50** *ITV2 Nightscreen*
- ITV3**
- 11.25** *Foyles War*, **6.00** *Agatha Christie's Marple*, **8.00** *Secret Life of Dogs*, **9.00** *Tonight at the London Palladium*, **10.00** *Film*: *Chicago*, (2002) **12.15** *Lewis*, **2.15** *Blue Murder*, **3.30** *Road to Avonlea*, **5.10** *On the Buses*, **5.35** *ITV3 Nightscreen*
- ITV4**
- 11.50** *Pawn Stars*, **1.40** *Hornblower*, **3.50** *Film*: *Kelly's Heroes*, (1970) **4.50** *FYI*, **6.55** *Film*: *Kelly's Heroes*, (1970)
- 6.55** *Film*: *The Adjustment Bureau*, (2011) **7.55** *FYI Daily 8.00* *Film*: *The Adjustment Bureau*, (2011) **9.00** *Film*: *The Krays*, (1990) **10.55** *FYI Daily 10.10* *Film*: *The Krays*, (1990) **11.20** *Film*: *Inside Man*, (2006) **12.20** *FYI Daily 12.00* *Film*: *Inside Man*, (2006) **2.00** *The Car Chasers*, **4.45** *ITV4 Nightscreen*, **3.00** *Teleshopping*
- E4**
- 11.00** *Melissa & Joey*, **1.30** *The Goldbergs*, **4.00** *The Big Bang Theory*, **8.00** *Film*: *Life of Pi*, (2012) **10.30** *The Big Bang Theory*, **11.30** *Gogglebox*, **1.35** *Rude Tube*, **2.30** *First Dates*, **3.25** *Holyroofs*
- Film4**
- 11.00** *Master of the World*, (1961) **1.00** *The Core*, (2003) **3.45** *Hulk*, (2003) **6.25** *The Book Thief*, (2013) **Second World War** drama, starring Sophie Nelisse, Non-Stop (2014) **An** *marshal on a transatlantic flight searches for a terrorist threatening to kill the passengers one by one. Action thriller, with Liam Neeson and Julianne Moore*, **11.05** *Blood Ties*, (2013) *Crime drama, starring Clive Owen and Billy Crudup*, **1.40** *Beauty*, (2011) **3.55** *Close*

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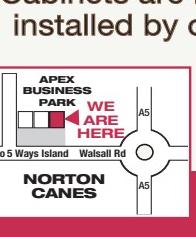
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FILM CHOICES**MONDAY****The Wrong Mother, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

Kaylene gives birth to twins after in vitro fertilisation, but when she needs help with home care, the nurse she hires turns out to be the unhinged woman who donated the eggs for the procedure. Thriller, starring Vanessa Marcil and Stephen Snedden. (2017)

TUESDAY**False Pretenses, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A woman's life is left in tatters when her wealthy husband finds he has been conned out of millions by his best friend, and kills himself. Escaping the painful memories, she moves elsewhere and slowly begins to rebuild her life - until the conman hunts her down. Thriller, starring Peta Wilson. (2004)

WEDNESDAY**A Murderer Upstairs, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A mother protects her stepdaughter after the teenager witnesses the murder of her best friend. But before long, she comes to the terrifying possibility that the girl may be the actual killer. Thriller, starring Josie Davis, Tiera Skovbye and Cameron Bancroft. (2017)



Spring Breakers, Friday, Channel 4, 12.20am

THURSDAY**Her Dark Past, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

After a shooting incident leaves her in a coma, a woman awakens after three months with no memory of her true identity. Even more of a puzzle is what she could have done for someone to want her dead, and as she rediscovers her dark past, she must earn redemption along the way. Mystery thriller, starring Anna Lisa Phillips and Kevin Ryan. (2016)

FRIDAY**Spring Breakers, Channel 4, 12.20am**

Four teenage girls are desperate to enjoy a wild spring holiday in Florida, and resort to robbery to fund it. Their brush with the law brings them to the attention of a sleazy gangster, who seduces them further into a life of crime while giving them the hedonistic experiences they crave. Drama, starring James Franco, Selena Gomez, Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Benson, Rachel Korine, Gucci Mane, Heather Morris and Ash Lendzion. (2012)

Channel 4 look to carry on the winning formula

In 2012, to celebrate its 30th anniversary, Channel 4 broadcast a 'mash-up night' in which some of its biggest personalities popped up in one another's shows.

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and John Bishop appeared in Channel 4 Newsreader do River Cottage; Alan Carr joined Location, Location, Location's Kirstie Allsopp to poke around other people's houses. The Million Pound Drop was hosted by Phil Spencer with Davina McCall playing the game, and the Made in Chelsea cast staged Come Dine With Me.

However, the most memorable of the job-swap programmes was the merging of comedy panel show 8 Out of 10 Cats and long-running daytime quiz Countdown.

Jimmy Carr took over as host for the one-off special alongside short-skirted purveyor of numbered and lettered tiles Rachel Riley, while Cats' participants Sean Lock and Jon Richardson competed as team captains and Joe Wilkinson joined Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner.

The show was an unexpected success - it was the second most watched programme on Channel 4 that week.

Since then, 92 episodes of 'Catsdown' have aired and it was even nominated for a British Comedy Award in 2014.

So what has made the show so popular over the years?

The participants seem to think that it is down to their chemistry and banter with each other, and in Lock's case, not really caring about the result.

"It's a bit odd because normally you go on Countdown, you lose, and you've never seen again," he said in an interview with Time Out in 2013.

"Whereas I go on Countdown, I lose, and I'm back again, to get wopped over and over."

"Because Jon is like a freak. He always gets the same as Dictionary Corner and they've got a f***ing computer! He plays with his mum; he's got a Countdown clock in his loft. He does! Seriously!"

However, the studious Richardson might find it difficult to concentrate tonight as the quiz returns for its 11th run.

On his team is Wilkinson who, in the past, has appeared as Riley's assistant, often dressed in costume while using props, offering special prizes, replacing letter tiles with symbols and turning up despite having been 'fired'.

The other regular captain, Lock, is absent due to other commitments but he has an able deputy in Kevin Bridges.

The Glaswegian comic has been one of the country's most popular performers for the last decade now and tickets for his hotly anticipated tour Brand New are selling out fast.

Bridges will be joined on the panel by Jessica Knappett, best known for playing Meg in the TV series Drifters, which she also created, and Lisa in The Inbetweeners Movie.

Finally, performance poet Dr John Cooper Clarke, aka the Bard of Salford, joins the sensible Ms Dent in Dictionary Corner.

MONDAY
Silent Witness
BBC1, 9pm

Part one of two. A woman is murdered and the forensic evidence takes the team to a cosmetic clinic where the victim had been receiving various treatments seemingly for free, but Nikki and Silva are frustrated by the CEO of Hamilton Ashe hospital when he blocks access to Karen's medical records. Meanwhile, when his daughter Rosie turns up at the Lyell as her mum is in hospital over a pregnancy complication, Thomas must play the doting father for a few weeks - a role that does not come naturally.

TUESDAY
Britain's Favourite Dogs: Top 100
ITV, 7.30pm

Britain is a nation of dog lovers, with one in four of us sharing our homes with a canine. But which of the 217 recognised breeds (and the thousands of cross-breeds) can claim to be the nation's favourite? Sara Cox and Ben Fogler are about to find out as they reveal the results of one of the most comprehensive surveys on dog ownership ever undertaken in the UK. As well as running down the chart of the best-loved breeds, they'll also be hearing from famous owners, including Geri

Halliwell, Simon Gregson, Phillip Schofield, Holly Willoughby and Prince Harry, exploring the key characteristics of the popular pooches that made the top 100, and sharing inspiring stories about some heroic hounds.

WEDNESDAY
Millionaires' Ex-Wives Club
BBC2, 9pm

Few divorces are painless, but as this documentary discovers, it seems the more money is at stake, the fiercer the fight - and thanks to a change in the law which means a 50/50 split is now the starting point, London has become the leading battleground in high-profile cases. Press coverage of such cases sometimes suggests that the ex-wives are just out for what they can get, but this programme meets two women who went to war with their former spouses to find out what really motivated them. It also examines the toll the legal proceedings can take on the women, as Michelle Young explains why she clocked up 65 court hearings, 13 sets of

lawyers and some huge debts in her fight to prove that her former husband wasn't the penniless bankrupt her claimed, while Lisa Tchenguiz explains why her own family's wealth funded her costly divorce battle.

Kiri
Channel 4, 9pm

Social worker Miriam is put under increasing pressure to admit she is to blame for what happened to Kiri, while the young girl's foster family of Jim, Alice and Si also find themselves thrown into the media spotlight. Elsewhere, Kiri's grandfather Tobi searches for his son, Nate, the prime suspect in the case, which sees him face up to some uncomfortable truths about his relationship with him. The four-part drama continues, starring Sarah Lancashire, Lucian Msamati and Felicia Mukasa.

Silent Witness, Monday, BBC1, 9pm

PICK OF THE WEEK



8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, Friday, Channel 4, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

THURSDAY
Death in Paradise
BBC1, 9pm

Famous thriller author Frank O'Toole is found stabbed through the heart after taking an early morning swim in the ocean. Suspicion soon falls on the victim's wife Valerie, but with eyewitnesses confirming he was swimming alone, how could anyone, let alone the prime suspect, have got from the house to the sea without being detected? Away from the investigation, Dwayne concentrates on finding a date for a voodoo love festival. Whodunit, guest starring Simon Callow, Imogen Stubbs, and Sian Gibson of Car Share fame.

FRIDAY
Monty Don's Paradise Gardens
BBC2, 9pm

The presenter visits gardens that represent and symbolise the four areas of Islamic civilisation - Andalucian, Moghul, Persian and Ottoman - revealing the importance of Paradise Gardens celebrated in the Koran. He begins his quest in Spain, where he discovers their basic building blocks. In Morocco, he sees the wide variety of paradise gardens from an enormous royal walled meadow, to a secret inner city courtyard. Then in the Iranian desert, he uncovers the mystery to their creation.

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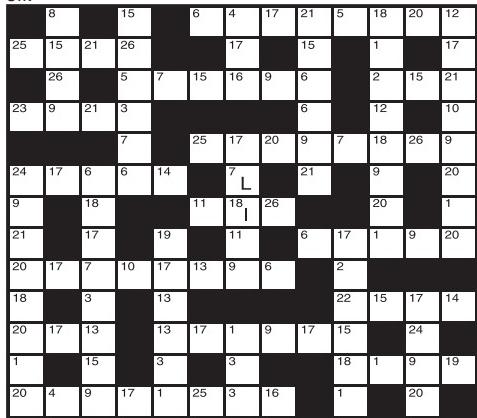


BRAIN GYM

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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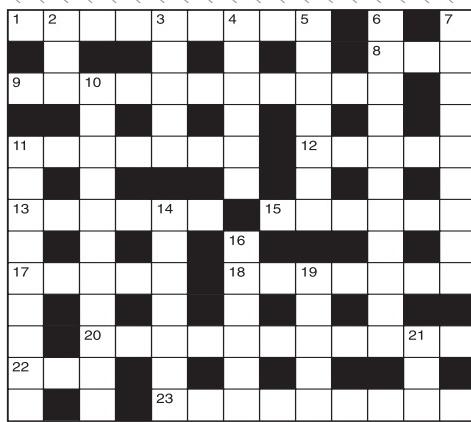
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:**Across**

- In the main, it can't be left (9)
- Stir caused by short notice and nothing more (3)
- Electric chair occupied by rulers? (4,2,5)
- Support for one who gives a lesson (7)
- One asked to stay made a random surmise, we hear (5)
- Part of the world where there's a daily rising! (6)
- Those who occupy it may be given plenty of time (6)
- The principle is the same both ways (5)
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Down

- Fasten an unfinished row of seats (3)
- Insolvent stock exchange operator loses a letter (5)
- Describing the mountains when one is in diverted plane (6)
- Briefly the same bet for the old lady (7)
- Hairdresser's staff (7,4)
- A girl will show you the Swiss lake (9)
- Lots of interest it may give plenty to this (7,4)
- Minor tale ruined by the circus performer (4-5)
- Spotted description of plain cake (7)
- Marie's unusual hosts (6)
- Carefully examine soft dress (5)
- Yes, it's one of the pupils, we hear (3)
- Obscure (3)
- Bravery (5)
- Among (6)
- Tackle (7)
- Weird (5)
- Drift (6)
- Made great efforts (6)
- Pitiless (5)
- Type of sword (7)
- Anarchy (11)
- Name for the sun (3)
- Unsafe (9)

**Quick Clues:****Across**

- Benefit (9)
- Nothing (3)
- Rude (11)
- Tackle (7)
- Weird (5)
- Drift (6)
- Innocent (9)
- Incessantly (11)
- Great slaughter (9)
- Let (7)
- Protect (6)
- Flavour (5)
- Small French coin (3)

Down

- Scuttle; 11 Islet; 12 Year; 13 Skins; 17 Sight; 18 Iron; 22 Agree; 23 Incense; 24 Annual; 25 Tuners. Down: 1 Cat's eye; 2 Refusal; 3 Edits; 4 Ensigns; 5 Spill; 6 State; 9 Deck chair; 14 Liberal; 15 Printer; 16 Intense; 19 Pagan; 20 Trunk; 21 Scrub.

Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Amends; 8 Inkpot; 10 Scuttle; 11 Islet; 12 Year; 13 Skins; 17 Sight; 18 Iron; 22 Agree; 23 Incense; 24 Annual; 25 Tuners. Down: 1 Cat's eye; 2 Refusal; 3 Edits; 4 Ensigns; 5 Spill; 6 State; 9 Deck chair; 14 Liberal; 15 Printer; 16 Intense; 19 Pagan; 20 Trunk; 21 Scrub.

QUICK - Across: 7 Repair; 8 Haste; 10 Protect; 11 Tract; 12 Ewer; 13 Below; 17 Vague; 18 Free; 22 Lower; 23 Upright; 24 Silent; 25 Manner. Down: 1 Prophet; 2 Opposed; 3 Liken; 4 Caution; 5 Steal; 6 Unity; 9 Strenuous; 14 Vagrant; 15 Brigand; 16 Fetter; 19 Close; 20 Dwell; 21 Break.

Quiz

- Which annual publication was first published in 1700 as Voices of the Stars?
- What did Ben Jonson and Roger Staubert invent?
- Which 'absurdist' playwright died in March 1994?
- Which US city was designed by French engineer Pierre L'Enfant?
- What is the BBC's 24-hour news-and-sport radio network called?
- Who wrote the classic US satirical novel Main Street?
- Who presented Hampton Court Palace to Henry VIII in 1525?
- What is the capital of Zimbabwe?
- Which king of France did Marie Antoinette marry?
- What is a devil's coach-horse?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Bay of Naples; 2 Nellie Melba; 3 Dublin; 4 Salzburg; 5 Apple; 6 Canterbury; 7 Princess Anne; 8 Start the Week; 9 Thermal insulation; 10 Italy.
Niner: SHRINKAGE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives more fruit,
gives a South American fruit.

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This break Leeds to perfect mix

FOOD and footie – that's certainly the way to the heart of the two boys in my life and we were combining the two with a weekend in Leeds.

Home for the weekend was the four-star Novotel which was just a five-minute walk from the train station.

The hotel bar – The Sugar Factory – is sparkly and metallic with a chilled out atmosphere. We supped on sumptuous cocktails while we watched sport on the huge TV screens, sitting on comfy leather sofas.

Novotel catered for both the youngsters and the adults with a gym, web corner and games area for the young ones.

The hotel was in an ideal location close to the city centre. It was easy to get around on foot because the centre seems to be based on a grid system and when we ventured out with our Family Day Rover passes it also seemed so simple on public transport.

MATCH

Our reason for being in Leeds was for a football match at Elland Road – both my husband and son were over the moon that we managed to have a great view in the press box.

The match had switched to a Friday night, so that gave us plenty of time to explore this eclectic city.

Just 10 minutes bus ride from the hotel was the Emmerdale Studio Experience. For fans of the soap this is a dream. On the 80-minute guided tour at the former ITV studios, you can find out how story lines are put together, visit the make-up department, sit at the Woolpack bar and wander through the model village.

We had now worked up an appetite and made our way back into the centre for lunch at Pizza Fella, in Vicar Lane. Peering through the window the restaurant looked totally unassuming from the outside with its

Chance to pull a few pints at The Woolpack



Impressive – The Corn Exchange in Leeds



contemporary bare wooden interior, but the pizzas were to die for.

In the evening, it was the off to Meat Liquor in Trinity Leeds. Trinity has about 120 shops with plenty of bars and restaurants.

Meat Liquor was very retro and funky with 70s-style tables and it was back to basics with kitchen roll on the table and sauces.

There is so much more to Leeds than bars and restaurants. It is home to the Royal Armouries, which is outstanding and jaw-dropping for both adults and

youngsters alike. The museum is home to the UK's largest collection of arms, armour and artillery. There are six themed galleries – and it is free.

If you still have time there is also shopping with a mixture of independent, boutique and mainstream shops.

Leeds is bidding to become European Capital of Culture 2023 and you can certainly see why they describe it as a 'diverse and vibrant culture'.

It was voted one of the top 10 European cities in 2017 by Lonely Planet. It boasts more than 300 bars

and restaurants and a walk through the streets in the evening just goes to show it is thriving.

Sport is also big in the city and Leeds has hosted huge events including Tour de France Grand Depart in 2014 and the Rugby World Cup in 2015 was hosted at Elland Road.

Leeds is a mixture of old and new with a wonderful collection of buildings, bars and restaurants and attractions. And let's just say that we had far more success with the food than the footie.

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Star Reader Travel

Dreamgirls

Inspired by the true story of Diana Ross and The Supremes, this Tony award-winning musical directed and choreographed by Casey Nicholaw (The Book of Mormon, Aladdin, Something Rotten!) tells the story of 'The Dreams', a young female singing trio from Chicago, who have to learn the hard way that the road to stardom has a lot of deep holes and deadly traps.

Songs include And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going, Listen, One Night Only and I Am Changing. Enjoy this fantastic production at the Savoy Theatre now!

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3 Days Self-Drive - Evening Show

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Kinky Boots

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PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY
GUIDE TO HOME
BUYING AND
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Four-bedroomed link detached home has been extended

Being extended and improved, 21 Hill Street, Hednesford, is a four-bedroomed link detached house with a secure side gated drive/parking area which is ideal for storage of a caravan, boat, trailer or other vehicles.

An ideal family home, it is for sale through Boot & Son estate agents at £195,000.

Being fully double glazed and with gas central heating, it has a canopy porch, reception hall, separate WC, a lounge, integral garage, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom/WC, four bedrooms and a bathroom and well-stocked gardens.

In more detail the reception hall has ceramic floor tiling and a door to the garage. The lounge has a feature fireplace housing an electric fire and laminate flooring.

The kitchen is part tiled, having pine-fronted units incorporating base units, laminate working surfaces, wall cupboards, and oven hood, down lighters and a door to the garden. The refitted cloakroom is part tiled, having a white and chrome suite.

Upstairs, all four bedrooms have a television aerial point, bedroom three has laminate flooring.

The half-tiled bathroom features a panelled bath with an electric instant shower over, a pedestal hand basin, low flush WC and an airing cupboard, and the WC is separate. A shower cubicle had previously been fitted to this room, although more recently removed.

The integral garage has Baxi condensing central heating unit, a fluorescent light fitting, power points, vent for a tumble dryer, plumbing for an automatic washing machine, laminate working surface and inset stainless steel sink having mixer taps.

This home also has well-stocked gardens. The rear garden is enclosed with close board fencing and the property is approached via a block paviour forecourt which provides extensive off-road parking.

TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

AGENT: Boot & Son

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Gated drive/parking area

Integral garage

4 bedrooms

Well stocked gardens



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**Detached home
in popular area
has rural views
over beauty spot**

RUGELEY
£589,995

<<<

An exceptional individually designed detached property, Friars Cot in Kingsley Wood Road, Rugeley, is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £589,995.

This superbly versatile home lies in arguably one of the best locations on Cannock Chase. The property has superb views to the front over Cannock Chase and is ideally located for outdoor enthusiasts.

The accommodation is mainly laid out over one floor to comprise two good-sized ground floor bedrooms, an en-suite bathroom to the master bedroom, an L-shaped conservatory, a lounge, kitchen and dining area, shower room and first-floor study/loft room with WC.

There is an enclosed garden to the rear with an indoor swimming pool and workshop/store. Call 01543 46966 or visit www.dbroberts.co.uk

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Four-bedroom detached family home on edge of town centre

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£239,950 <<<

Within walking distance of the town centre, this modern detached family home in Park Road, Bloxwich, is extended and very well presented.

Ideally located, it is for sale through Webbs Estate Agents at £239,950.

It is situated in a private gated development on the edge of Bloxwich town centre, being close to good schools, local amenities and bus routes.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a through hallway, a lounge/diner, a kitchen, a dining room, a guest WC, four bedrooms, an en-suite to the master bedroom and a family bathroom.

Outside there is an integral garage, driveway and landscaped gardens.

Call Webbs Estate Agents on 01922 663399 or visit www.webbsestateagents.co.uk



Town house would be an ideal first buy

REEDSWOOD
£130,000

This superbly presented three-bedroom end town house in Norfolk New Road, Reedswood, Walsall, is for sale through L&S Prestige Estates at offers over £130,000.

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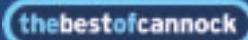

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NEW PRICE

£265,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow • Extended Lounger Diner
- Kitchen Breakfast Room • Garage & Driveway
- Garden To The Rear With Access Into Woodlands • EPC = D

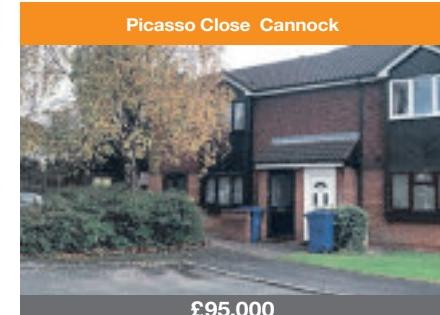


Wolverhampton Road Cannock

NEW PRICE

£130,000

- Attention First Time Buyers & Investors • Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms
- Cellar • Rear Garden



Picasso Close Cannock

£95,000

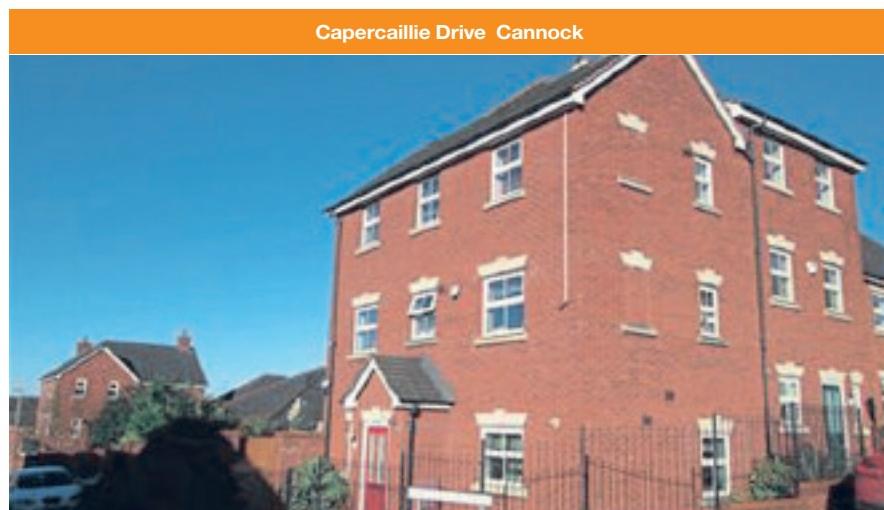
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- Living Room with Dining Area • Bedroom with Fitted Wardrobes
- Allocated Parking • EPC = D



The Beeches Rugeley

£155,000

- Extended Semi Detached House • Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen • Three Bedrooms
- Garage • EPC = D



Capercaillie Drive Cannock



Jubilee Close Great Wyrley

£169,950

- Semi Detached House • Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden • Garage & Driveway
- Cul De Sac Location • EPC = D

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Four Bedrooms
- En Suite to Master
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- ◆ Entrance hall
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- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Corner plot gardens
- ◆ EPC rating C (69)

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8 COLLIER'S WAY, HUNTINGTON

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- ◆ Garage & gardens
- ◆ Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (79)

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14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY



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- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (81)

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2 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

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- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Bathrooms and en-suite shower room
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

£143,950

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- ◆ Residential redevelopment site extending to 0.22 Ha or thereabouts
- ◆ Having O.P.P for the erection of 5 detached houses
- ◆ Planning application
- ◆ Vacant possession
- ◆ no: 15/0410 Cannock Chase Council

£310,000 FREEHOLD

24 RIVERSIDE COURT, GIRKIN ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE



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- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge with fitted kitchen area
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Secure allocated parking space (covered)
- ◆ Security phone system
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (73)

£115,000

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NEW PRICE



TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS AND LAND EXTENDING TO APPROX 2.5 ACRES

- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen area
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Outside utility room
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Extensive range of outbuildings
- ◆ Occupation subject to being solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry industry
- ◆ EPC rating E (47)

£310,000 FREEHOLD

51 DRUIDS AVENUE, ALDRIDGE

NO CHAIN



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Much Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ EPC rating D (67)

£289,950 FREEHOLD

8 HANNAFORD WAY, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR FLAT Located In Popular Position For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- ◆ Entrance lobby & landing
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Wet room shower
- ◆ Separate toilet
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ Garden
- ◆ EPC rating C (70)

£96,950

22 STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN



INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities At Hednesford Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
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- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- ◆ Secure off road parking
- ◆ Detached double garage
- ◆ Five stables, tack room and Gardens and paddocks
- ◆ Extending to 7.9 of an acre approx
- ◆ EPC rating E (45)

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64 SWEETBRIAR WAY, HEATH HAYES

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£695pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

5 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

18 PRIMROSE MEADOW, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Landscaped gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Gas fired central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (70)

£675pcm

9 WHITFIELD ROAD, HEDNESFORD

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- All windows double glazed
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (46)

£625pcm

FLAT 9 CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED REFURBISHED GROUND FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen & utility
- Two bedrooms
- Cellar
- Part tiled shower room
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (70)

£535pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£750pcm

5 LANCASTER HOUSE, HEATH HAYES

REFURBISHED GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN CUL-DE-SAC Location Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Inner hall
- Double bedroom
- Refitted bathroom
- Electric heating
- Part double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£475pcm

5 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDSESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRDIGE

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WELL EQUIPPED TWO STOREY TWO BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION Located On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Communal grounds
- Double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating: B (82)

£595pcm (Plus Service Charge)

21 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (71)

£550pcm

22 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heater
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (70)

£550pcm

234 BRADBURY LANE, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- DSS considered
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (57)

£575pcm

1 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Guests cloakroom
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

41 CURBOROUGH ROAD, LICHFIELD

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE Located In Popular Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Guests cloakroom
- Rear entrance lobby
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (65)

£695pcm

199A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Double glazed
- Double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (40)

£440pcm

22 PRINCESS STREET, CANNOCK

AN IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW Located In A Most Convenient Position Within The Much Sought After South Staffordshire Market Village

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Extensive off road parking
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£650pcm

THE BARN, OFF CLAY STREET, PENKRDIGE

CHARACTERFUL THREE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION Located In A Most Convenient Position Within The Much Sought After South Staffordshire Market Village

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Bedroom three/study
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (71)

£850pcm

7 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (75)

£650pcm

FLAT 9A CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED REFURBISHED FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen & utility
- Inner lobby
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (68)

£535pcm

APARTMENT 13 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Security phone intercom
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (80)

£525pcm

FLAT 1 ADAM COURT, NEW PENKRDIGE ROAD, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR FLAT In Sought After Area Convenient For Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (74)

£525pcm

11 THE WILLOWS, CANNOCK

RECENTLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In A Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Large garden
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating: D (55)

£530pcm

3 OAKDENE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (77)

£875pcm

20 AVON ROAD, CANNOCK

LET AGREED

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Side enclosed veranda
- Utility room
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- No pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (52)

£595pcm

11 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (74)

£590pcm



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- Three reception rooms
- Superb conservatory

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WILLENHALL, STROUD AVENUE

- Impressive detached property
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors
- Three reception rooms
- Ample off-road parking

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BURNTWOOD, REDFERN DRIVE

- Modern dormer bungalow
- Semi-detached residence
- Fitted kitchen / diner
- Off road parking & garage

Burntwood Office - £250,000



CHASE TERRACE, MORLEY ROAD

- Spacious dormer bungalow
- Prime residential location
- Open plan breakfast / diner
- Ample off road parking

Burntwood Office - £180,000



BURNTWOOD, TUDOR CLOSE

- Semi-detached residence
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Through lounge, conservatory
- Utility area off lobby

Burntwood Office - £170,000



BURNTWOOD, EARL DRIVE

- Delightful semi-detached house
- Ideal family home
- Modern interiors throughout
- Off road parking & garage

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BURNTWOOD, CHORLEY ROAD

- Mid-terraced house
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Guest W.C., court yard
- Viewing highly recommended

Great Wyrley Office - £140,000



GREAT WYRLEY, WARDLES LANE

- Semi detached residence
- In need of modernisation
- Convenient location
- No onward chain

Great Wyrley - £129,950



GREAT WYRLEY, PADDOCK LANE

- MID TERRACED HOUSE
- TWO RECEPTIONS
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- IDEAL FOR FTB/INVESTORS



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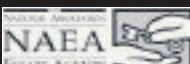
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- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Ensuite To Master.
- Private Driveway,
- Integral Garage
- Gardens.

\$189,995

HUNTINGTON
WOODSTOCK DRIVE

- Detached Family Home
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms

- Bathroom
- Garage
- Parking
- NO CHAIN

\$165,000

HEDNESFORD
GRAY ROAD

- Semi Detached
- Chain Free
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge/Diner

\$150,000 OFFERS OVER

HEDNESFORD
MOUNTAIN PINE CLOSE

- 4 Bed Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Utility Room
- Guests WC
- Converted Garage

- En-Suite to Main Bedroom
- Refurbished Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway

\$230,000

HEDNESFORD
WALTERS CLOSE

- Deceptively Spacious
- Modern Well Presented Property
- Three Bedrooms
- En-suite To Master
- Family Three Piece Bathroom

- Spacious Lounge
- Modern Well Equipped Kitchen
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Viewing Is Essential

\$189,950

HUNTINGTON
WOODSTOCK DRIVE

- Det. Family Home
- Hall, Guests WC
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory

- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Shower Room
- Garage, Driveway

\$165,000 OFFERS OVER

HUNTINGTON
TEDDESLEY WAY

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- Modern Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Kitchen

- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Driveway

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MUST BE VIEWED

£199,995

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom link detached family home, located in a quiet cul de sac location in Etchinghill. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Dining Room and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear.



SOLD

£120,000

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home. Being ideal for First Time Buyers or Investors and having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Conservatory and Refitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good sized Garden to rear.



MUST BE VIEWED

£185,000 OIEO

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom, three storey home situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway, Guest w.c., Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing leading to Second Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Landing to Bedroom with En Suite. Garden and Parking



NEW PRICE

£424,995



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NO CHAIN

£102,000

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NO CHAIN

£145,000

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi-detached family home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to front and Garden to rear.



NEW PRICE

£239,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached home, situated in a cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear



NEW

£175,000

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, being situated on the sought after Hawksway Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Bedroom One with Shower En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Landscaped Garden to rear.

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St Anthonys Close, Rugeley



NEW

£164,950

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Beechmere Rise, Etching Hill



£415,000

SOLD

● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to market this well presented detached family home, having superb views of Etchinghill and located in a quiet cul de sac. Having Entrance Hallway, Shower Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Conservatory, Inner Hall to Bathroom and Four Bedrooms. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two

Lodge Road, Brereton



£160,000

STAR BUY

● JR Properties are pleased to offer to the market this three bedroom semi detached family home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles to Detached Garage and Garden to rear.

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley



NEW

£285,000

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this four bedroom detached family home, on the sought after Birches Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Dining Room and Conservatory. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles to Garage and Garden to rear.

Green Lane, Rugeley



NEW

£144,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, being situated close to local amenities and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory and Refitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage in separate block.

Boothhurst Road, Hawksyard



£224,950



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom modern detached family home, being situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and

Davey Place, Rugeley



£114,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Guest W.C and Lean To. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear.

Essex Drive, Rugeley



£169,995

SOLD

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Conservatory, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Covered Carport and Garage and Good Sized Garden to rear.

The Beeches, Rugeley



NEW

£190,000 OIEO

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom extended detached family home, situated in a cul de sac location. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear and off road parking with Garage

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- Energy Rating F

£350 ppcm

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NEW

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge
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- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking

£395 ppcm

LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- One Bed GFF
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- Sorry No DSS/

£400 ppcm

WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£425 ppcm

MORETON STREET, CANNOCK

- 1Bed GFF
- Lounge/Dining room
- Shower room
- GCH
- Off Road Parking

£440 ppcm

TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR

£470 ppcm

CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen, Utility
- Bathroom, GCH
- Gardens
- Parking to Rear
- Energy Rating D

£475 ppcm

WAT TYLER CLOSE, RUGELEY

- 2 Bed FFF
- Lounge
- Electric Heating
- Off Road parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/Pets

£480 ppcm

ALBERT COURT, BRIDGTOWN

NEW

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating B

£495 ppcm

STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Three Bed Flat
- Spacious
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/PETS

£500 ppcm

CHAPEL SQUARE, CHESLYN HAY

- 2 Bed End
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Courtyard
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/PETS

£530 ppcm

CHALFONTE COURT, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- GCH & DG
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS OR

£575 ppcm

MOSS STREET, CANNOCK

- 3Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- GCH/DG
- Garage
- Energy Rating D
- Sorry No DSS/

£595 ppcm

BELLBROOK, PENKIRIDGE

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Guest WC & Shower Room
- GCH, DG,

£600 ppcm

CHAPEL STREET, NORTON CANES

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden & Parking

£625 ppcm

NEWBURY ROAD, NORTON CANES

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom/Ensuite
- GCH/DG
- Energy Rating D

£650 ppcm

THE HEATH, HEATH HAYES

NEW

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- Parking
- GCH & DG
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS or Pets

£575 ppcm

JOHNSON CLOSE, RUGELEY

- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Parking
- EPC Pending

£585 ppcm

LEVETT GRANGE, RUGELEY

NEW

- Three Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Garage
- Rear Garden
- Garage

£700 ppcm

FRANCIS GREEN LANE, PENKIRIDGE

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- A Beautiful Traditional Semi Detached Family Home
- Reception Porch and Hall, Guest WC
- Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen/Diner
- Sun Room, Hobby Room
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Large Gardens
- Garage and Large Driveway

£340,000

HORSESLOW DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY

- Four bedroom detached
- Guest WC
- Spacious family lounge
- Kitchen/diner

FORGE CLOSE, CHURCHBRIDGE

- Two en-suite bedrooms with two further bedrooms
- Single garage with block paved driveway
- Front and private rear gardens

£259,950

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

REDUCED

- Modern 3 bedroom semi-detached home
- Spacious lounge
- Impressive kitchen/diner
- Master bedroom with SOLAR PANELS
- Family bathroom
- Front and rear garden

£220,000

WRENS CROFT, HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
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CLIFTON AVENUE, CANNOCK

NO CHAN

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- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

WRENS CROFT, HEATH HAYES

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- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/
- Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£185,000

SHIRE CLOSE, CANNOCK

NO CHAN

- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Double Bed Town House
- Bathrooms
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Kitchen, Spacious
- 40% Shared Ownership

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VINE COURT, CANNOCK

NO CHAN

- Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway

LIMEPIT LANE, CANNOCK

NO CHAN

- Three Bed Mid
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Driveway & Garage

OFFERS OVER £140,000

CLARION WAY, CANNOCK

NO CHAN

- A Modern Well Presented Two Bed Town House
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Kitchen, Spacious Lounge
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Driveaway

£125,000

CANTERBURY DRIVE, RUGELEY

NO CHAN

- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Side entry
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Parking
- Front and rear generous gardens

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LIMEPIT LANE, CANNOCK

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- A Modern One Bed Ground Floor Maisonette
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- Modern Bathroom
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NEW

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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathrooms
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Lounge
Garage
NO CHAIN
EPC C

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Mid Terraced Property
Two Bedrooms
Brand New
Shared Ownership Property
Off Road Parking
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John Street, Cannock



Offers Around £185,000

Dom Semi Detached Bungalow
Four Bedrooms
Fitted Kitchen
Rear Garden
Garage
EPC E

Glenthorne Drive, Cheslyn Hay



Semi Detached Property
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Electrics
Off Road Parking
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Offers Around £190,000

Woodheyes Lawns, Rugeley



Offers Around £190,000

Semi Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Extended
Utility Room
Rear Garden
Awaiting EPC

Woodmill, Yoxall



Terraced Cottage
Two Bedrooms
Kitchen/Diner
Rear Garden
Rural Location
EPC E

Offers Around £215,000

Rickercote, Staffordshire



Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Cinema Room
Conservatory
NO CHAIN
EPC C

Offers Around £270,000

Well Presented Cottage
Two Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
Well Maintained Gardens
EPC E

Offers Around £220,000

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley



Offers Around £250,000

Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Ample Off Road Parking
Outdoor Heated Swimming Pool
No Chain
EPC D

Richardson Way



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Conservatory
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SOLD

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- Garden to rear
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- A traditional two bedroom property
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- Two good sized bedrooms
- Garden to rear
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- Conservatory
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- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- EPC rating C

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HEATH HAYES
CHARLOCK GROVE**NEW**

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Families help Volvo cars to create autonomous drive



The Volvo XC90 the families will be testing during the Drive Me trials

Volvo is now starting to develop its autonomous drive cars with help from Swedish families who will test them on the public roads of Gothenburg.

The first two families, the Hains and the Simonovskis, have received the Volvo XC90 premium SUVs with which they will support the Drive Me project.

Three more families will follow early next year, and over the next four years up to 100 people will be involved in Drive Me.

Both families will contribute invaluable data by allowing engineers at the company to monitor

their everyday use and interaction with the car, as they drive to work, bring the kids to school or go shopping.

Volvo Cars plans to have a fully autonomous car commercially available by 2021, and the data derived from Drive Me will play a crucial role in the development of these.

"It feels great to be a part of this project," said Alex Hain, 45. "We get the chance to be part of developing technology that will one day save lives."

Drive Me will involve real customers testing the different stages of

driver-assisted and eventually fully autonomous technology.

"Drive Me is an important research project for Volvo Cars," said Henrik Green, senior vice president for the company's R&D department. "We expect to learn a lot from engaging these families and will use their experiences to shape the development, so that by 2021 we can offer our customers a fully autonomous car."

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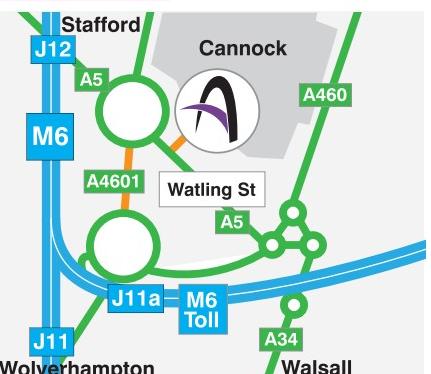
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A bold and appealing effort from Kia with the Cee'd GT

By John Griffiths

It's not difficult to see the attractions of a performance hatchback: a combination of sports car-like driving dynamics and family car practicality.

Some have become icons in their own right like the Golf GTI, Ford ST, Leon Cupra and Honda's Civic Type-R to name but a few.

That makes it hard for newcomers to edge their nose into the fray but Kia is making a bold and appealing effort with its sporting flagship, the Cee'd GT.

It's perhaps best described as a 'warm' hatch rather than a 'hot' machine but combines more reasonable costs with impressive real-world performance. An excellent chassis makes for excellent handling (and it's fun, too) but that doesn't come at the expense of a harsh ride – it's more civilised than extreme.

The £24,010 car's engine is pretty remarkable too, turning out 201Ps of power and – thanks to turbocharging – a hefty 265Nm of torque. Enough to take you from a standstill to 62mph in just 7.3 seconds.

Official average fuel consumption is 38.2mpg which is reasonable for a car of this power potential. My 'real world' test result in an average 34mpg.

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The turbo increases the standard 1,600cc engine's output by 51per cent and torque by 61 per cent but that isn't the only benefit. This latest version produces maximum torque at lower revs (1,500rpm) than its predecessor for slightly quicker but smoother, more linear acceleration up to the limit. It feels effortless, civilised and particularly quiet – although you can switch on the new noise generator for a more growly, sporting sound if that's how the mood takes you. It's switched on by pressing the 'GT' button on the steering wheel which also changes the speeds from an analogue to a digital display, with torque and turbo gauges as well.

This best of two worlds engine really defines the Cee'd: it cruises for the most part at a near silent 2,000rpm but put your foot down for a quick overtake and it surges forward on a very convincing wave of power and torque. The benchmark 37 to 60mph overtaking sprint takes just 5.4 seconds and the job's done.

The chassis has the same dual personality, too. The sports suspension, while firm-ish, as you'd expect, it is well damped so you don't feel the worst some of our bumpy B-roads can offer. It also helps to keep you accurately on your chosen track on such roads, without discernible body roll and no signs of under or oversteer. Add sharp steering and it's a rewarding experience for the keen driver. This latest Cee'd flagship comes with new 18-inch alloys shod with grippy 225/40 low profile tyres. Bigger disc brakes all round have reduced stopping distances, too.

The interior is a pleasant place to be, with room for five adults: the rear seats are quite generous and there are stylish and comfortable leather and suede Recaro sports seats in front. Trim includes high gloss black and chrome highlights.

As you'd expect of the flagship of the range, the specification is comprehensive, as indeed it is for its sibling – the three-door pro_cee'd GT which is £500 cheaper, as it's essentially the same car but with three instead of five doors.

Equipment upgrades on this latest GT include an MP3 compatible DAB radio as part of a six-speaker audio system, a new seven-inch display screen for the satnav, traffic messaging and reversing camera.

Body styling touches such as new sill mouldings, the bigger wheels, aluminium pedals and red brake calipers also point to the car's potential and character.

In engineering the new GTs, Kia hasn't tried to rival some of the track day favourites but instead produced a pair of cars which offer real-world performance in a fun but civilised manner. It comes at considerably less cost than some of those more focussed rivals, too, along with a full seven years/100,000 mile warranty which is not to be sneezed at.

Fiesta matures from cheeky chappie into a serious adult

By Ian Donaldson

A couple of miles into the test drive I realised the car was humming quietly along the main road – in fourth gear.

If ever you needed a demonstration that the new Fiesta has matured into an even more serious player here it was, with two gears left to go.

At a stroke the best selling car in the UK for the last eight years has turned from cheeky chappie (but loads of fun) into a car that feels bigger and softer and not quite so keen to have a laugh with you.

That certainly applies to the likely biggest seller in the new range, the Zetec trim version with its 100 horsepower engine and – crucially – new six-speed gearbox instead of the previous five.

The Zetec – second up in a Fiesta pecking order stretching from 70 horsepower petrol £12,715 Style to 120 horsepower diesel £21,225 Vignale – is an instant charmer. More so on the inside than out, you'd have to say. The exterior of the latest Fiesta has grown very modestly and is completely restyled, although you might never guess.

That's as fine compliment to the outgoing model as you could pay; don't mess with a look that's won thousands of sales. The result is a car with space to spare in the front – and a near perfect driving position – but just enough room in the rear for a couple of adults and a boot big enough for a family's supermarket shop but less generous than some of the competition.



The boot is big enough for a supermarket shop

Inside is where the attention needed to be paid, with the old car's dashboard looking increasingly like a relic from the past, littered with meanly sized displays and an excess of tiny buttons. All gone! Replaced in the modern minimalist fashion by a big iPad-like touchscreen that looks smart but doesn't have a lot to say for itself without a satellite navigation map on display (sat nav is standard on some dearer cars, a £300 option on others).

If the all-change interior is much needed step up, the engine choice is mostly as before, which is no bad thing if you enjoy the willing thrum of a three-cylinder petrol unit. Gone is the old and mildly asthmatic 1.25 litre engine, with most new Fiestas using versions of the established 1.0 litre three-cylinder unit in differing outputs – 100/125/140 horsepower and with CO2 readings from as low as 97g/km.

The old 1.5 litre diesel engine remains, in two power outputs (85/120 horsepower, from 82g/km), but will take less than one in ten sales.

The new six-speed manual gearbox will feature in the bulk of new Fiestas, which will have five doors too. Ford is sticking with a three-door option in a market increasingly ditching this choice on the grounds that not enough buyers bother these days to make it worthwhile.

The on-paper list price of most cars is an irrelevance these days and that's absolutely the case with the Fiesta, where 85 per cent of private buyers will opt for a personal contract plan (PCP) that provides a Zetec-spec car from £116 a month over three years and with a £5,000 deposit. That's an increase of £15 a month over the outgoing and a drive in the new one makes that look a sensible investment.

Tweaks to the suspension and clearly a lot of work on soundproofing have changed the Fiesta into a car that quietly soaks up bad British road surfaces, only objecting a little to the biggest bumps, and turning into corners with most of the eagerness of old.

Even with fourth gear standing in for sixth some of the time (blame that newfound quietness) the test drive showed 46mpg in a 100 horsepower version, which never felt underpowered.

If a tiny bit of the puppy dog spirit has gone you have to reckon the payback in refined progress is going to be welcomed by the majority of owners. And there are quicker, firmer ones on the way soon, don't forget.



The exterior of the latest Fiesta has grown very modestly

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Ford scrappage extended and Fiesta leads market

UK market leader Ford announces the extension of its successful scrappage scheme as Ford CV sales and share increase in November's CV market and sales of the all-new Fiesta reinforce its leadership of the market.

According to the official November sales figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT):

- Ford is the UK market leader in total vehicle, car and CV sales
- Fiesta is UK best-seller; Transit Custom first in CV and sixth in total vehicle charts
- Transit range is second in UK total vehicle sales
- Ford has five models in the UK Top 20 – Fiesta (1st), Focus (4th), Transit Custom (6th), Kuga (12th) and Transit (20th)

The Ford scrappage scheme, which includes cars and CVs, is to be extended into the first quarter of 2018. The success of the scheme, which has seen over 10,500 vehicles scrapped and replaced with cleaner, more fuel efficient vehicles, is expanded to include the Ford Ranger as well as the most popular all-new Fiesta, Focus and Transit CV models.

Andy Barratt, Ford of Britain chairman and managing director, said: "The Ford scrappage scheme has been so well received by our customers and I'm pleased to announce its extension in to next year. We have an excellent product line-up



Ford's scrappage scheme now extends to the Ford Ranger

and our scheme is applicable to one of the broadest ranges of vehicles, including the segment leading Ford Ranger.

"We continue to carry strong sales momentum as we move towards the end of the year. Our CV sales growth was particularly positive in an increasingly challenging market. It's also rewarding to see the all-new Fiesta strengthening its leadership position as we continue the launch of the full model range, with Fiesta Active and ST still to come to complete the line-up of our most technologically advanced Fiesta ever."

The official figures released by

the SMMT show that total car sales in November were down 11.2 per cent to 163,541 units, compared with November 2016. For the year to date (end November) UK car sales were 2,338,144, down five per cent compared with the same period in 2016. Ford car sales for this period were 271,855 some 78,738 registrations ahead of its nearest rival.

Ford is the clear leader in retail car sales, which most accurately reflect the preferences of private buyers. At 11.7 per cent, Ford's November retail car sales share was 3.9 percentage points ahead of its nearest rival, and for the year to date, Ford's retail car sales share was 11.7 per cent.

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Love and miss you.

Paula, Leon, Daniel, Claire and Jacob.

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Nan

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Nan

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STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)

ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

VARIOUS ROADS IN THE DISTRICT OF CANNOCK CHASE

(SURFACE DRESSING 2018)

DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council, on 9 January 2018, made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in those lengths of various roads as given in Schedule A/W2 below unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

SCHEDULE A/W2

A34 Ringway, A4601 Church Street, Rumer Hill Road, Devon Road, York Road, Oxford Road, Salop Drive, Lincoln Drive, Devon Green, Warwick Close, Surrey Close, High Green, Wolverhampton Road, Stafford Road, The Green, Church Street, Cannock; Sycamore Hill, Chestall Road, Holly Hill Road, Cumberland Hill, New Hayes Road, Park Gate Road, Baden Powell Close, Gillwell Road, Bradwell Lane, Uplands Close, High Meadow, Chapel Lane, Slang Lane, Ivy Lane, Cannon Wood; Buds Road, Gentleshaw, B4154 Market Street, Cannock Road, Tudor Road, Fisher Street, Cowley Green, Peal Drive, Brookhurst Green, Service Road, Greenwood Park, Rowley Close, Evergreen Heights, Croft Avenue, Clarkes Avenue, Cotton Grove, Spruce Road, Tower Road, Pine Tree Close, Plantation Road, Mendip Road, Cotswold Road, Cedar Close, Heather Road, Briar Close, Heather Road, Heather Mews, Hedgesford Hill Top, Newman Grove, Ravenhill Terrace, Springfield Road, Kelly Avenue, Caulfield Way, Ravenhill Close, Eremont Close, Mickie Way, Gorse Road, The Rise, Yew Tree Road, Cowlishaw Way, Oaktree Road, Myatt Way, Heath Road, Larch Road, The Green, Beeches Road, The Green, Waterside, Ravens Lea Road, Wood View, Talbot Road, Cherry Tree Road, Larch Road, Settrington Way, Sutton Close, Madden Close, Harley Close, Stile Close, Gorse Lane, Rugeley.

Diversion routes will be signed on site where required. For more information please visit www.roadworks.org or contact us on 0300 111 8000. The Order will come into operation on 22 January 2018, and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 28 September 2018.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the surface dressing works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance and Change, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford. ST16 2DH
Ref: 4096337; Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre; Tel: 0300 111 8000 <http://roadworks.org>

Date: 11 January 2018

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)

ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF AN ORDER

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP & STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 7 (PART) HATHERTON PARISH AND

PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 8 (PART) HATHERTON PARISH

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP & STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2017

On 11 November 2017 Staffordshire County Council confirmed the above Order, made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 which diverted that length of Public Footpath No 7 Hatherton Parish commencing at grid reference 394690-31002 and continuing in a generally north-easterly direction for approximately 270 metres to grid reference 394809-310247, and continuing in a generally east south-easterly direction for approximately 8 metres to grid reference 394698-309999 and continuing in a generally east south-easterly direction for approximately 176 metres to grid reference 394867-309947 and will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the District of South Staffordshire accordingly.

Also, that length of Public Footpath No 8 Hatherton Parish commencing at grid reference 394809-310247 and continuing in a generally easterly direction for approximately 206 metres to grid reference 395013-310244; to a new line commencing at grid reference 394867-309947 and continuing in a generally north-easterly direction for approximately 328 metres to grid reference 395013-310244 and will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the District of South Staffordshire accordingly.

A copy of the Order and Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of South Staffordshire District Council, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, Wolverhampton, WV8 1PX and at the offices of Staffordshire County Council, Corporate Reception, 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH Mon-Fri 8.30 am to 5.00 pm. Copies of the Orders and maps may be bought there at the price of 10p per A4 page; £2 per map.

The Order comes into force on **23 February 2018** but if a person aggrieved by the order wishes to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act, had not been complied with in relation to the Order he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act, as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within six weeks from the date of publication of this notice, make an application to the High Court.

John Tradewell, Director of Strategy, Governance and Change, 2 Staffordshire Place, Stafford ST16 2DH

Dated: 11 January 2018

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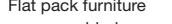
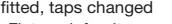
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£12m Hogan vows to repay fans' faith

VILLA striker Scott Hogan has vowed to start justifying his £12million fee – and repay the fans who stuck by him during a difficult first year at the club. The 25-year-old's goal in a 5-0 New Year's Day win over Bristol City was his first in the Championship this season – and only his second since arriving in a big money move from Brentford last January.

Hogan hopes to use it as a platform to better things after admitting a lack of goals had left him low on confidence. In an honest interview, the Republic of Ireland international revealed how he sought the advice of friends and family and faced up to a few 'home truths' in a bid to recapture his form.

Hogan, who earned his move to Villa after blasting 15 goals for Brentford in the first half of last season, thanked supporters for their continued support despite his struggles. "The fans have been really good, considering their club spent a lot of money on a striker who hasn't scored goals," he said. "I would like to just repay them and hopefully, if there are people are on my back, I can now start changing their opinion."

FIFA to probe alleged abuse of Gibbs-White

FIFA has confirmed it is investigating claims made by Liverpool striker Rhian Brewster that England team-mate Morgan Gibbs-White was racially abused during the Under-17 World Cup final.

Brewster, aged 17, made the allegation in an interview with the Guardian last week. He said he had either personally experienced racial abuse or witnessed it on a football pitch seven times, including five occasions in the last seven months.

One of the alleged incidents he referred to was aimed at Wolves midfielder Gibbs-White in October's 5-2 victory over Spain in Kolkata in which both Gibbs-White and Brewster scored. According to Brewster's interview, Gibbs-White was called 'a monkey' by a Spanish player.

A FIFA spokesman said it had recently received a complaint from the Football Association and 'is now analysing and gathering evidence'.

The FA is understood to have flagged up the incident at the time and followed that up with additional evidence in November.

Supporters urged to join in club protest

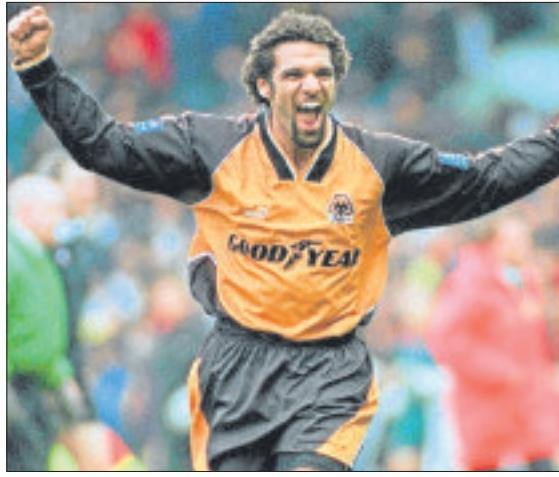
THE Walsall Supporters Trust has urged fans to back a protest at Saturday's game against Oxford amid frustration at how the club is being run.

Fans are asked to stand outside the Banks's Stadium instead of buying tickets, while season ticket holders are encouraged to leave in the 80th minute to join then join up with the other supporters outside.

Olly Beckett, who has followed Walsall for 54 years, is behind the protest. He said: "This protest is not about shouting abuse or hurling insults, it's about saving this football club. The identity of our club is slowing being eroded away."

The Walsall Supporters Trust voted seven to two in favour of backing the planned protest and in a statement said: "Over the last few weeks, it has become obvious that more and more fans have become disillusioned with the way they perceive the club is being run.

"We encourage all fans to join this peaceful protest to show that now is time for the club to affirm the ambition that we all want."



Wolves match winner Don celebrates after his winning goal gave Wolves FA Cup quarter final victory over Leeds at Elland Road in 1998. But then Arsenal spoiled the party



Walsall's goalscorers Darren Byfield and Don celebrate winning the Nationwide League Division Two play off final at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Sunday May 27, 2001

Yorkshire lad Don has Black Country at heart

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joe Masi

FEW players can claim to have won the hearts of both Wolves and Albion fans, but few scored goals like Don Goodman.

It is 24 years since then Wolves boss Graham Taylor splashed out £1.1million to sign the striker from Sunderland, bringing him back to the Black Country three years after leaving The Hawthorns.

He had been a huge hit with the Baggies, scoring 63 goals in 163 appearances, and while his time at Wolves was a little less prolific – 39 goals in 154 games – it built to a crescendo that saw him net an FA Cup quarter-final winner against Leeds in his final season.

Born in Leeds on May 9, 1966, only weeks before the whole nation were partying having lifted the World Cup, Goodman was perhaps destined to become a footballer. 'The Don' started his career with Bradford City in 1984, but it was in the Black Country that the striker really made a name for himself, impressing Ron Saunders enough to fork out £50,000 in March 1987.

He made his debut against Oldham later that month and, a few weeks later, netted his first goal in a 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace.

Just seven league goals would follow in 1987/88 as Albion narrowly avoided relegation from the old Division Two, but 1988/89 (15) and 1989/90 (21) would prove to be better campaigns on a personal level.

However, Goodman's love affair with the Baggies became shaky in 1991 as he made a £900,000 move to Sunderland. Goodman has since explained that Albion's decision to sell him was purely for the financial benefit of the club as they made a handsome profit on

what they paid Bradford for him. His three-year stay at Roker Park saw him net 42 goals in 116 appearances, but soon after the Black Cats' relegation to the third tier he was on his way back to the West Midlands, brought in by Taylor on the same day as John de Wolf from Feyenoord. Partnering either Steve Bull or David Kelly up front, he helped guide Wolves to the play-offs twice in three seasons – falling though at the semi-final stage on each occasion.

But perhaps Goodman's finest moment in a Wolves shirt would arrive at Elland Road on March 7, 1998,

as he scored the only goal of the game to send Wolves into their first FA Cup semi-final in 17 years. Defeat to Arsenal stopped them going to Wembley and he finished his Wolves career with a flourish, netting three goals in his final four games.



Last year, Don was one of the football luminaries at a 'Smile for Joel' event. Back from left, Joe Mayo, Ally Robertson, Matt Murray, Don, Ray Graydon, Front, from left, Darren Wrack, Joel's brother Owen Richards, and mother Suzy Richards, with ex-Wolves' Mel Eves and John Richards

that would not save him from Mark McGhee's clear-out in the summer though and – aside from a brief loan stint at Barnsley – he spent three years out of English football at Sanfrecce Hiroshima in Japan and Motherwell in Scotland.

However, the Black Country came calling again in March 2001 – and this time it was the Saddlers.

Now aged 34, his goal record was drying up – but one of his three goals he scored was a vital equaliser in the play-off final victory over Reading that won the club promotion to the second tier.

He spent another year at Walsall before moving on to Exeter City, but the West Midlands called one last time – joining Stafford Rangers for a season before retiring – and he is now carving out a successful career as television pundit with Sky Sports.

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Sporting are through to Vase last 16

WOLVERHAMPTON Sporting Community are just three games from Wembley after a thrilling 3-2 victory over Cogenhoe United saw them reach the last 16 of the FA Vase.

They now take on Bedfordshire side Leighton Town on February 3, in a tie that is worth £2,250 to the winners.

Andy Paddock's side travelled to take on the United Counties League outfit on Saturday, having already beaten three teams from higher up in the non-league pyramid.

And with a stunning performance in Northamptonshire they added another win. Paddock's men, whose home ground is at Hazel Lane, Great Wyrley, made a flying start to the match with Mitch Clarke volleying in from close range after Ben Perks had powered a header against the crossbar following a corner.

Sporting doubled their advantage just three minutes later when the hosts again failed to deal with a set-piece. Kieron Northwood headed in an Alex Moore corner.

The Cooks pulled one back on 10 minutes with Sean McBride producing a smart finish from 15 yards and levelled shortly after the restart when Ryan Dove met a cross with a bullet header.

But despite letting slip a two-goal lead, Paddock's side rallied to find a winner. It arrived just past the hour with Northwood slipping a great ball through to Wes Grey, who then burst down the middle. From the edge of the box, the Sporting man smashed in a low drive to send his team into the next round.

Fans ready to grill Saddlers boss and board members

WALSALL fans are being urged to attend a public meeting in a bid to get answers about how the club is being run on and off the field.

The Walsall Football Supporters Trust is rallying Saddlers fans after the club announced they would hold a fan focus meeting tonight (Thursday).

Last week, the trust threw its support behind a planned protest due to take place during Saturday's game with Oxford. Before then fans have been given a chance to grill Whitney, as well as chief executive Stefan Gamble and club secretary Dan Mole at a focus meeting.

The meeting will take place at the Banks's Stadium, from 6.30pm. Ian Astbury, a Walsall Supporters Trust board member, said it was important fans went along.

A club statement said: "The club is keen to provide this opportunity for supporters to put their questions about the club and its operations directly to key members of staff - and, of course, all fans are welcome to attend."

Questions to the trust can be emailed to walsall1888@aol.com

The boy Don good! Player who crossed Black Country divide

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Little belters praised for commitment



Wictor Horodecki, Felicity Williams, Henry Leighton

THREE young martial arts students have been recognised for their commitment to their club.

Wictor Horodecki, Felicity Williams and Henry Leighton were presented with a certificate of 100 per cent attendance having trained every Thursday evening since Black Star Aikido Club opened in November at Brownhills Memorial Hall.

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The draw for the BCB's Midlands Boxing Super Series: The Super Featherweights took place before Christmas. The winner will take the area crown.

The quarter finals will take place at Walsall Football Club on Saturday, February 10. There will be four fights of six three-minute rounds. The semi-finals and final will take place later in 2018 at such time that current champion, Leon Woodstock, will have vacated his crown.

The draw brought up four intriguing contests with Jones stepping in with West Bromwich's Jack Summers.

Old Hill's Manny Zaber has been paired up against Josh Baile of Tamworth, a repeat of their November clash which saw 'Pac Man' Zaber retire with a nasty cut.

There's an all Birmingham clash with Paul Holt, who retired at Christmas, back in the ring to face Kane Baker.

The Jon Pegg-managed duo, Tamworth's Louis Fielding and Derby's Indi Sangha slug it out to complete the quarter final stages.

Tickets are £35 general admission (£40 on the door) and £60 (VIP Ringside to include buffet and waitress service), and will be available from tomorrow (Friday) by calling 01922 651 414.

Thorsell to meet fans at open day

WOLVERHAMPTON speedway rider Jacob Thorsell is set to make his first UK public appearance since suffering horrific injuries at Mommore last season.

The Swede, who broke his back in the play-off semi-final with Bell Vue, is well on the road to fitness and is set to fly over to join skipper Rory Schlein at an open day hosted by club sponsors Parrys International on Sunday.

The duo will be available to meet supporters, sign autographs and have pictures taken between 10.30am and 1.30pm at Parrys base at Landywood Green, Cheslyn Hay.

Dave Parry of Parrys International said: "We have invited Jacob over and it will be really nice to see both him and Rory."



Callum Mendez-Jones scores to put the Pitmen in front at Nantwich Town on Saturday

Scholars suffer setback in play-off race

Chasetown 0 Alvechurch 1

CHASETOWN'S Evo-Stik League Division One South play-off hopes suffered a blow as they were edged out by Alvechurch at the Scholars Ground.

Josh March bagged their winner two minutes from time to leave the Scholars ninth.

The game beat the early morning rain and Alvechurch

almost took the lead when Curtis Pond was at full stretch to deny Josh March.

Church keeper Charlie Price was then equal to a George Cater effort as the hosts began to exert some pressure. Clear-cut chances were few and far between in a tight first half.

After the break, substitute Danny Cocks was brought down

within minutes of the restart. Jack Langston's penalty beat Price but hit the bar. Midway through the half, visiting striker Jordan Nadat brought a full-length save from Pond.

Two minutes from time, Church took the lead. An inswinging corner was knocked goalwards by Nathan Waite and the rebound netted by March.

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